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AM I DONE HAULING YOUR STUPID JUNK?
:HEE-HEE-HEE!: YOU WISH, DUCK!
WYYAAAN
AND SINCE ITS PURPOSE WAS YOUR DESTRUCTION— I WOULD CALL IT A SUCCESS!
YOU SEE, I'VE ALWAYS HAD TROUBLE WITH CREDITORS! :HAHAHA!:
NOT AS MUCH TROUBLE AS EVRON WILL HAVE! :YAAAAH!!!:

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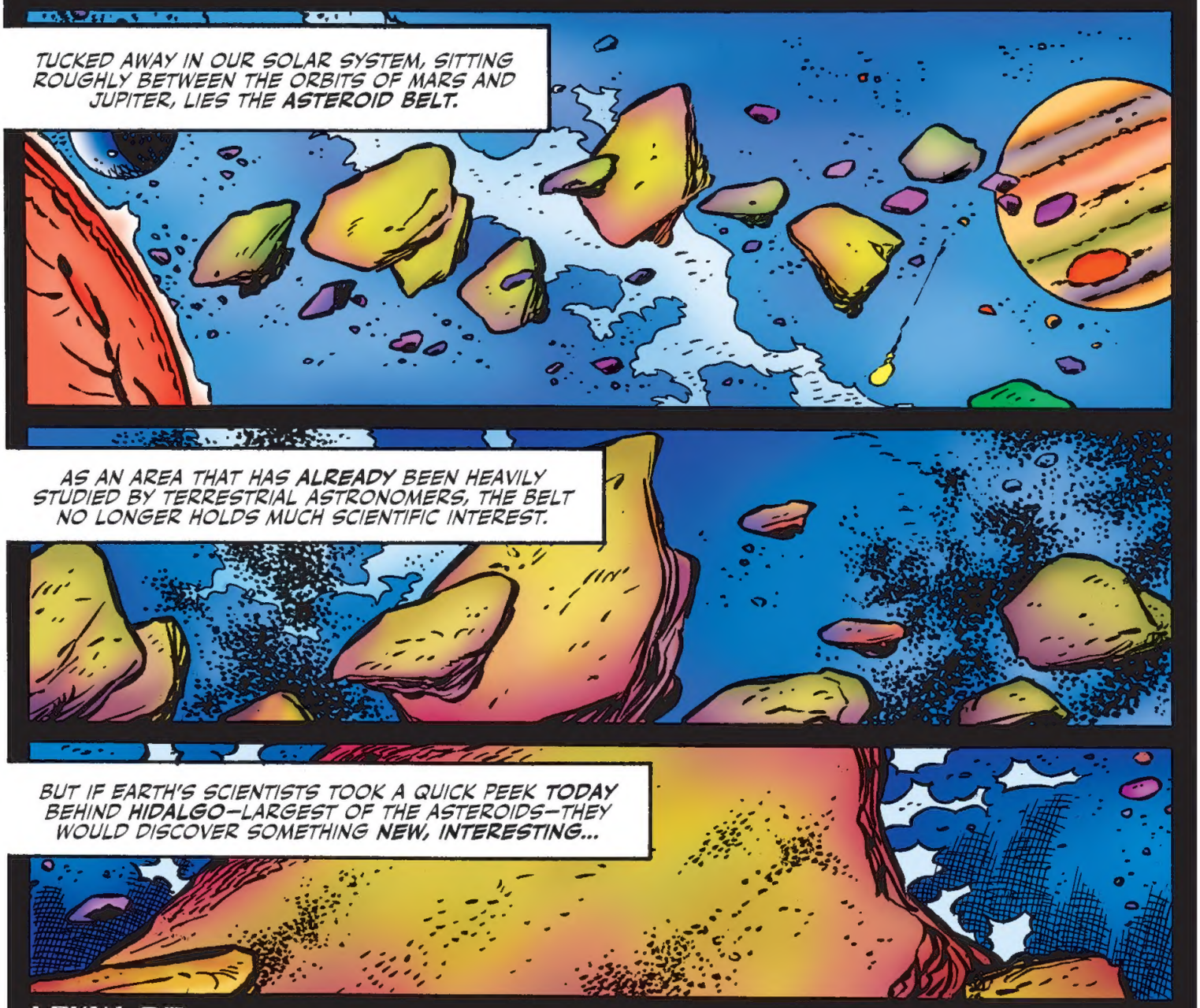
TUCKED AWAY IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, SITTING ROUGHLY BETWEEN THE ORBITS OF MARS AND JUPITER, LIES THE ASTEROID BELT.
AS AN AREA THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN HEAVILY STUDIED BY TERRESTRIAL ASTRONOMERS, THE BELT NO LONGER HOLDS MUCH SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.
BUT IF EARTH'S SCIENTISTS TOOK A QUICK PEEK TODAY BEHIND HIDALGO—LARGEST OF THE ASTEROIDS—THEY WOULD DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW, INTERESTING...

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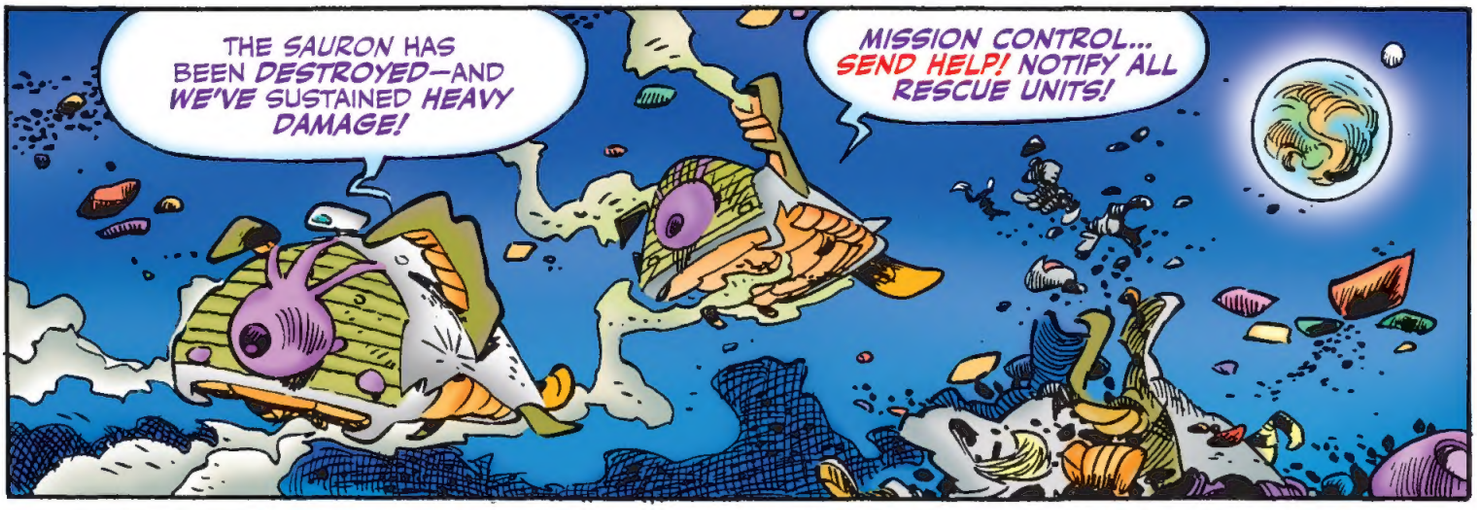
XADHOOM!

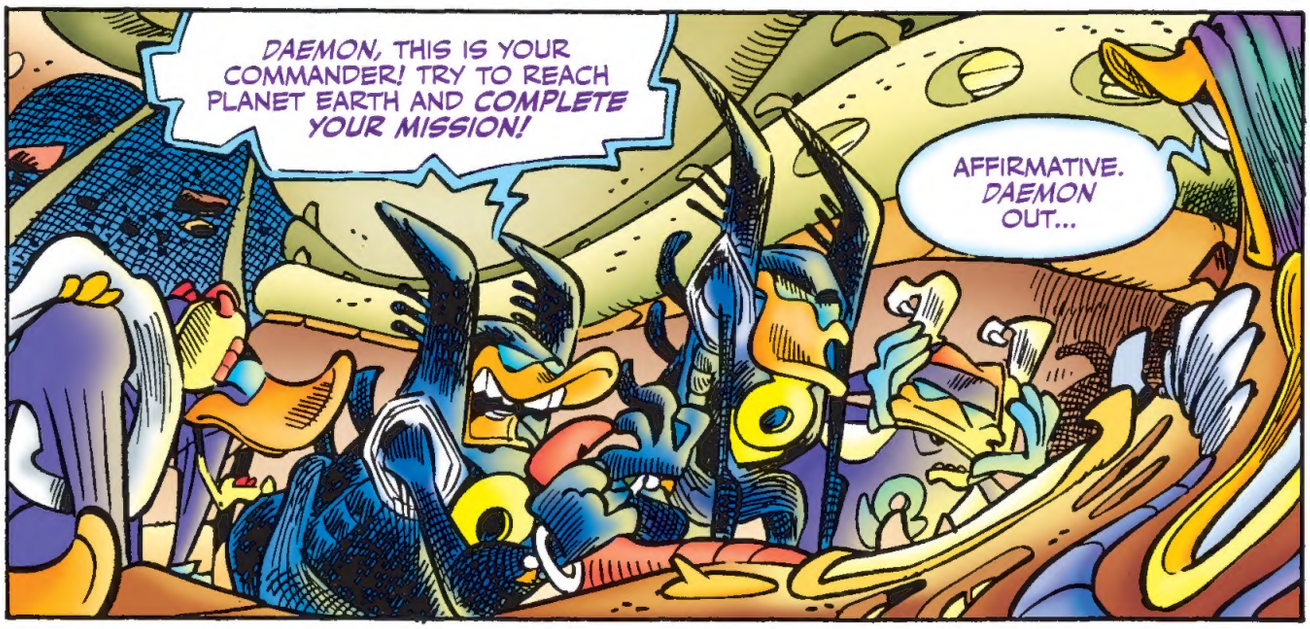
...AND DANGEROUS!
WHAT ARE YOU FREEZEFLAMES DOING HERE?
GET LOST, YOU STUPID CREATURES!
I WISH WE COULD GET LOST.

DON'T I KNOW IT! IT'S NOT HEALTHY STANDING GUARD HERE.
YEAH... LORD ZOTNAM'S MOOD TODAY IS WORSE THAN USUAL—
THIS IS AN AFFRONT TO MY POWER!!!
I WILL NOT ALLOW A BACKWARDS AND INSIGNIFICANT MUDBALL LIKE EARTH TO RESIST EVRONIAN INVASION!
WE AGREE, O SUBLIME LORD!
IF WE UNLEASH A MASSIVE ASSAULT NOW, I THINK WE CAN—
KRUTHON, YOU LOSER... THAT IDEA IS AWFUL!
:SCREAAAGH!!!:

IF THOSE LOATHSOME TERRANS HAVE ANY OTHER SURPRISES LIKE THAT "DUCK AVENGER," WE MIGHT ACTUALLY RISK DEFEAT!
THE FIRST DEFEAT IN EVRON'S HISTORY!
HISSSSS...
YES. THIS IS WHY WE MUST CAREFULLY EVALUATE OUR PREY'S DEFENSES. AND IN THE MEANTIME...
...TAKE DEFINITIVE STEPS TOWARDS THE DESTRUCTION OF OUR MASKED ENEMY!
WE HEAR! WE OBEY!
AND SO...
ASTRO-RAIDERS DAEMON, SAURON AND KYRION TO BASE: WE ARE EN ROUTE!
TRANSMISSION RECEIVED, RAIDERS. WE WISH YOU GLORIOUS PILLAGE!

OUR SQUADRON IS ON THE MOVE, COMMANDERS! THEY SHOULD REACH EARTH IN SIX TIME UNITS.
EVRON'S TERMINATION COMMANDOS WILL END THIS MATTER!
THAT "DUCK AVENGER" IS AS GOOD AS DONE! :HAHAHA!:
RED ALERT! UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT APPROACHING FAST!
THIS IS THE DAEMON! WE'RE UNDER ATTAAA—
WHAT?!
KYRION'S SIGNAL IS GONE FROM OUR SCREENS!
THIS IS ZUKON! WHO ATTACKED YOU? I REPEAT—
N-NO CLUE, SIR! I THINK OUR ASSAILANT HAS ALREADY VANISHED!


THE SAURON HAS BEEN DESTROYED—AND WE'VE SUSTAINED HEAVY DAMAGE!
MISSION CONTROL... SEND HELP! NOTIFY ALL RESCUE UNITS!

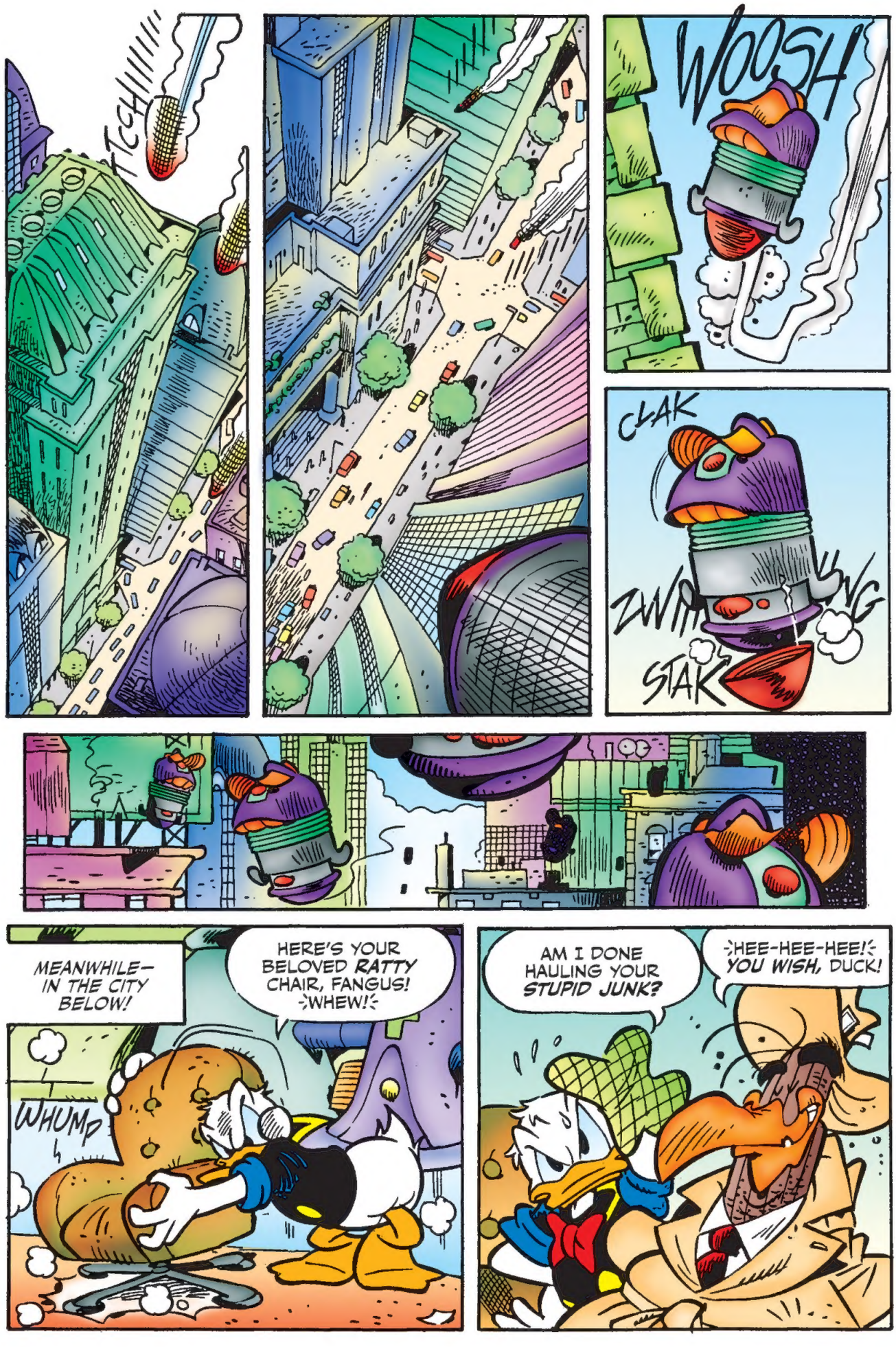

DAEMON, THIS IS YOUR COMMANDER! TRY TO REACH PLANET EARTH AND COMPLETE YOUR MISSION!
AFFIRMATIVE. DAEMON OUT...

YOU HEARD HIM. WE'RE GOING.
IF WE CAN MAKE IT...

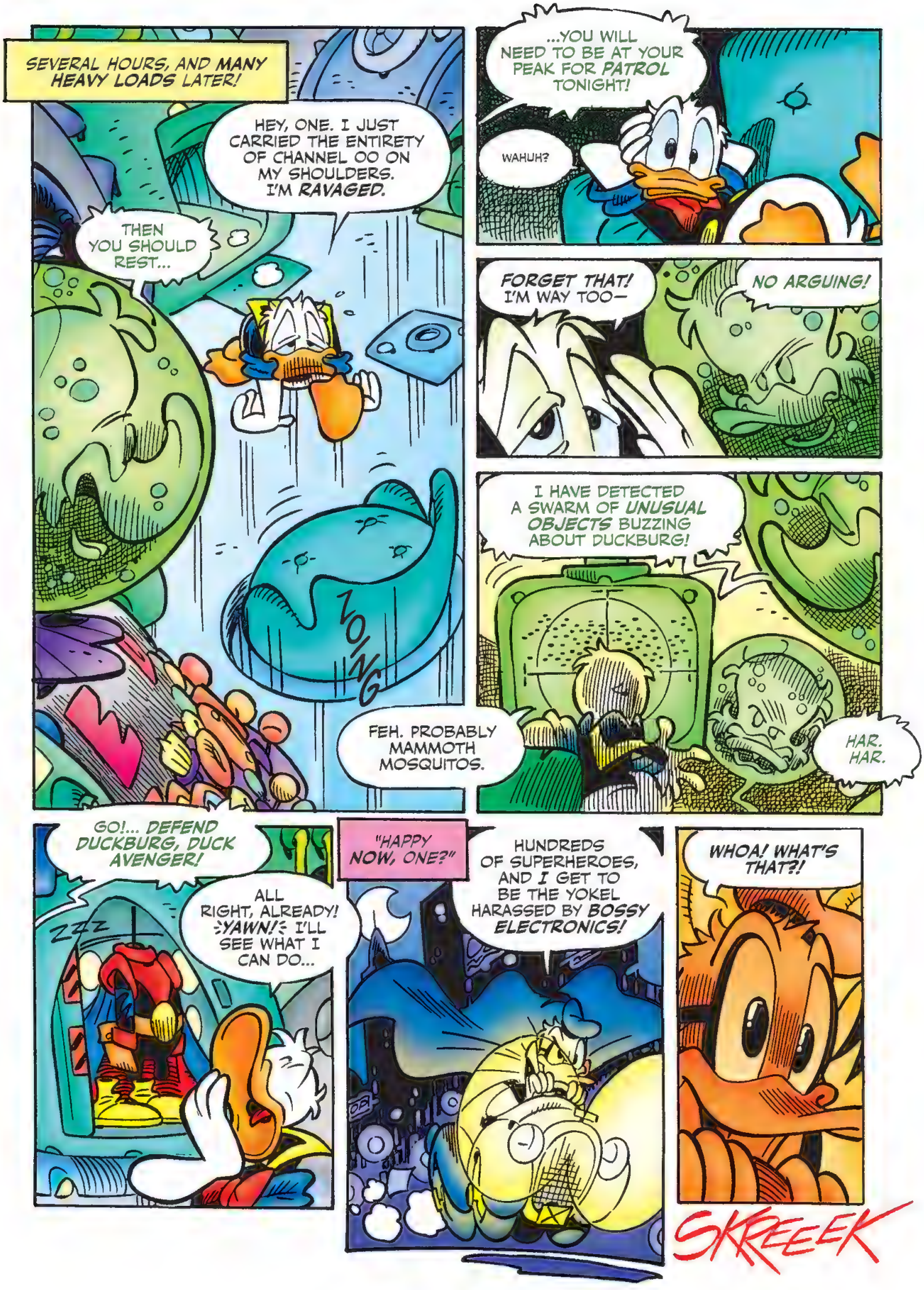
WHAT DO YOU THINK ATTACKED US?
NO CLUE. IT WAS TOO SMALL TO BE ANY OTHER KIND OF ASTRO-BATTLE-CRUISER.

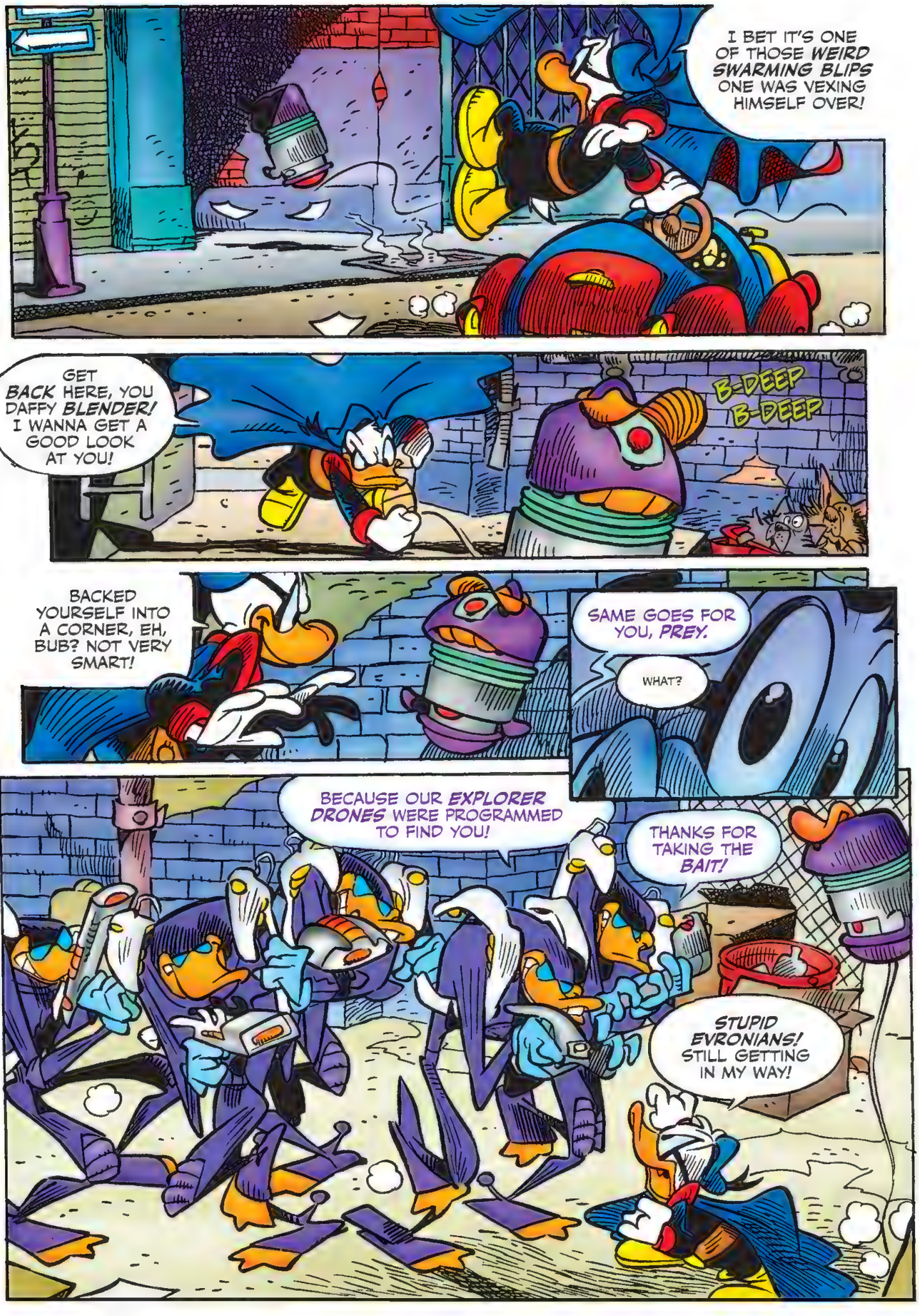
AND I'M POSITIVE OUR RADAR DETECTED A HUMANOID SILHOUETTE!

WELL, WHATEVER IT WAS... AS QUICK AS IT MOVED, IT'S GOT TO BE LIGHT-YEARS AWAY!
OR IT COULD BE HIDING SOMEWHERE...
...MAYBE RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES!
WUUUUVRROOOM
A FEW MINUTES LATER!
RE-ENTRY COMPLETE. ANTI-RADAR AND CLOAKING ACTIVATED.
WE'RE NOW ENTERING THE POPULATED SETTLEMENT CALLED DUCKBURG.
NOW ARMING LAUNCH PADS...
WEEEEE
CLAK
CONTACT!
TCCHHHOW


TCH!!!!!!
WOOSH!
CLAK
ZWI
NG
STAK
MEANWHILE— IN THE CITY BELOW!
WHUMP
HERE'S YOUR BELOVED RATTY CHAIR, FANGUS! :WHEW!:
AM I DONE HAULING YOUR STUPID JUNK?
:HEE-HEE-HEE!: YOU WISH, DUCK!

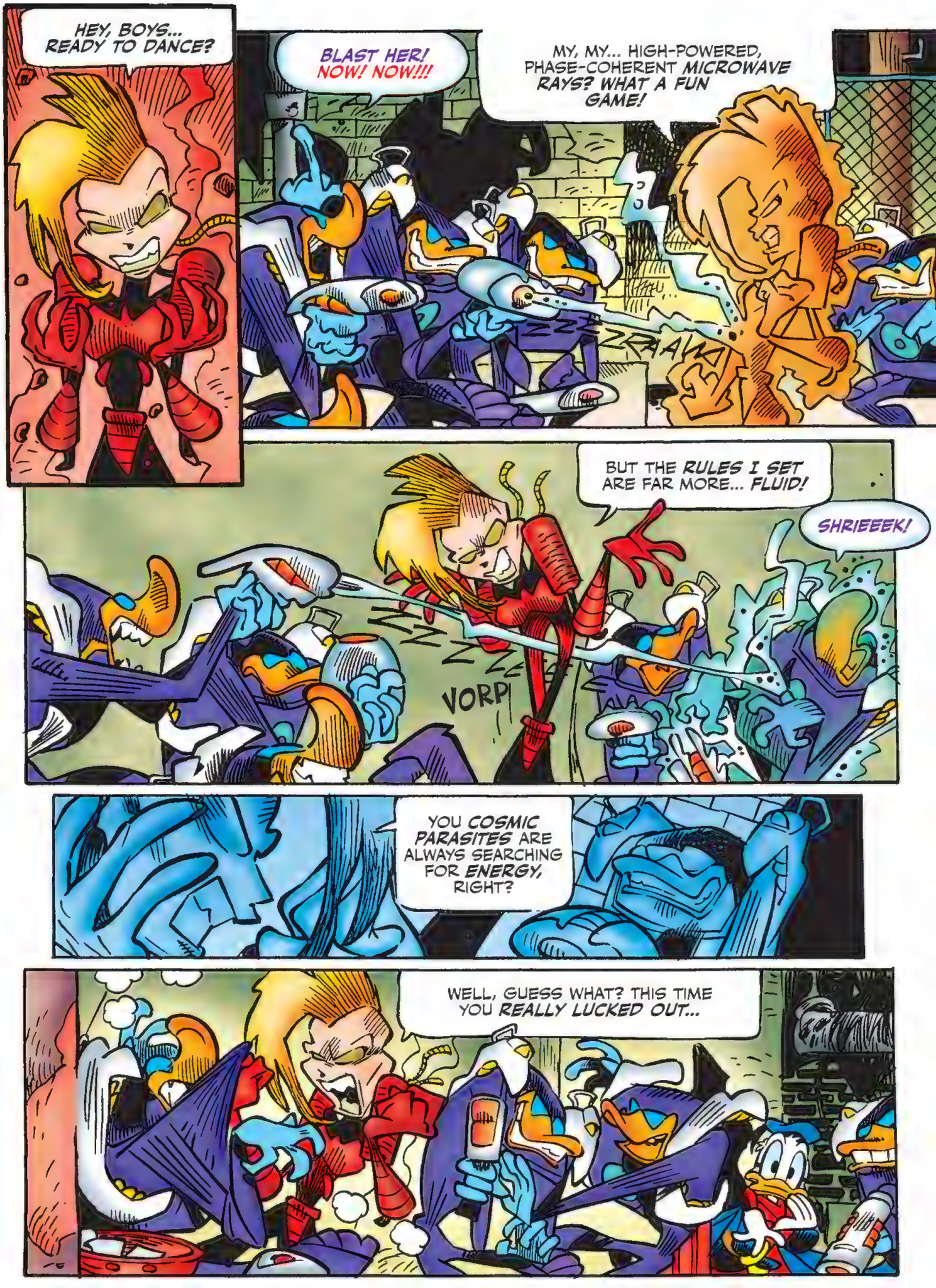
YER LOVABLE UNCLE INSTRUCTED OUR NEWS TEAM TO ABUSE—I MEAN, USE YOU AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE IN OUR MOVE!
FRAGILE
COMPUTER
AND USE YOU I SHALL!
DUCKBURG
MORE UGLY CHAIRS TO PAMPER YOUR MASSIVE RUMP?
NO, MATE. NOTHIN' SO LIGHT.
PREPARE TO CARRY MY METAL FILING CABINET!
OH, ME. OOOH, MY...


SEVERAL HOURS, AND MANY HEAVY LOADS LATER!
HEY, ONE. I JUST CARRIED THE ENTIRETY OF CHANNEL 00 ON MY SHOULDERS. I'M RAVAGED.
THEN YOU SHOULD REST...
...YOU WILL NEED TO BE AT YOUR PEAK FOR PATROL TONIGHT!
WAHUH?
FORGET THAT! I'M WAY TOO—
NO ARGUING!
I HAVE DETECTED A SWARM OF UNUSUAL OBJECTS BUZZING ABOUT DUCKBURG!
FEH. PROBABLY MAMMOTH MOSQUITOS.
HAR. HAR.
GO!... DEFEND DUCKBURG, DUCK AVENGER!
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY! :YAWN!: I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO...
ZZZ
"HAPPY NOW, ONE?"
HUNDREDS OF SUPERHEROES, AND I GET TO BE THE YOKEL HARASSED BY BOSSY ELECTRONICS!
WHOA! WHAT'S THAT?!
SKREEEK

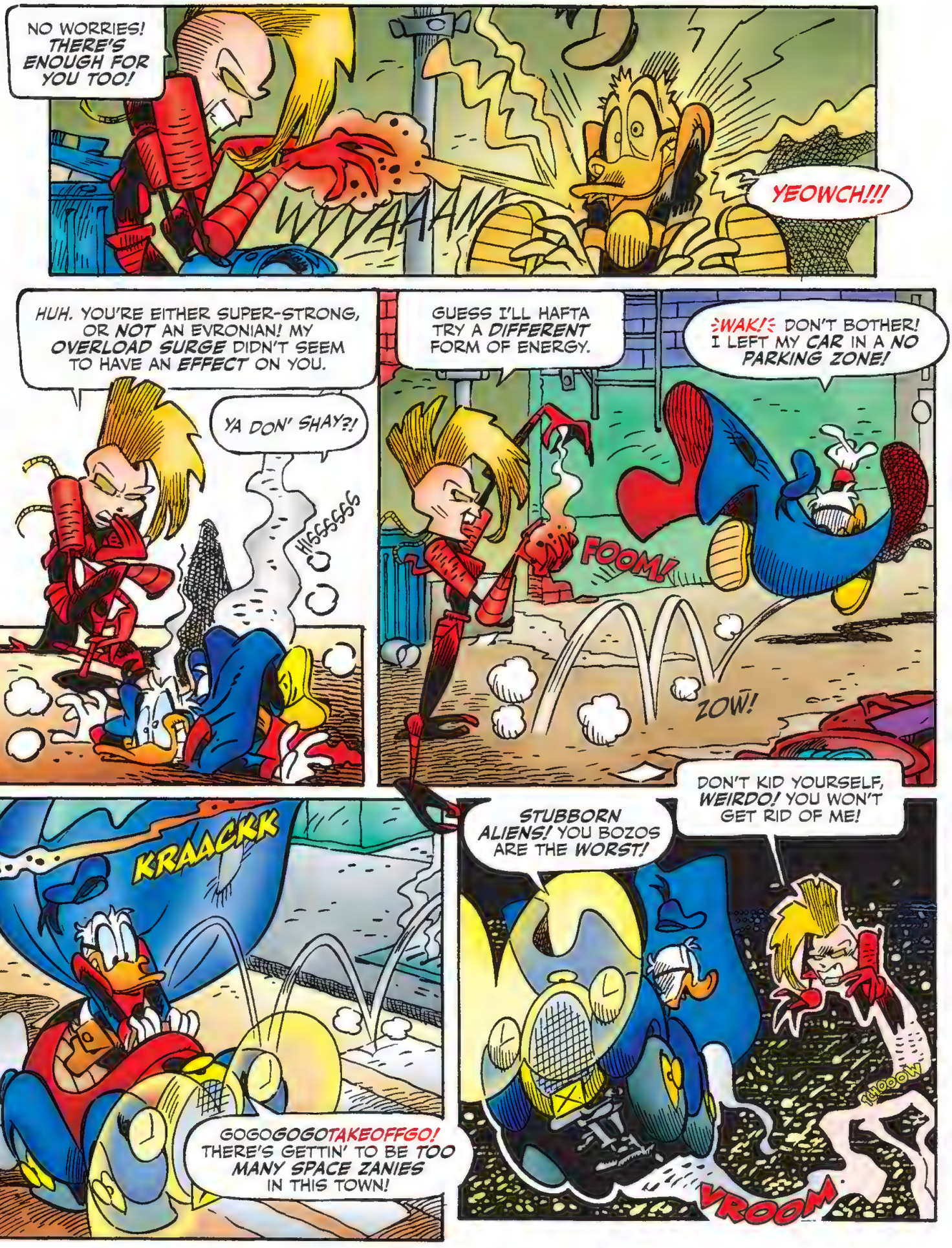

I BET IT'S ONE OF THOSE *WEIRD SWARMING BLIPS* ONE WAS VEXING HIMSELF OVER!
GET *BACK* HERE, YOU DAFFY *BLENDER!* I WANNA GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOU!
B-DEEP
B-DEEP
BACKED YOURSELF INTO A CORNER, EH, BUB? NOT VERY SMART!
SAME GOES FOR YOU, *PREY.*
WHAT?
BECAUSE OUR *EXPLORER DRONES* WERE PROGRAMMED TO FIND YOU!
THANKS FOR TAKING THE *BAIT!*
*STUPID EVRONIANS!* STILL GETTING IN MY WAY!

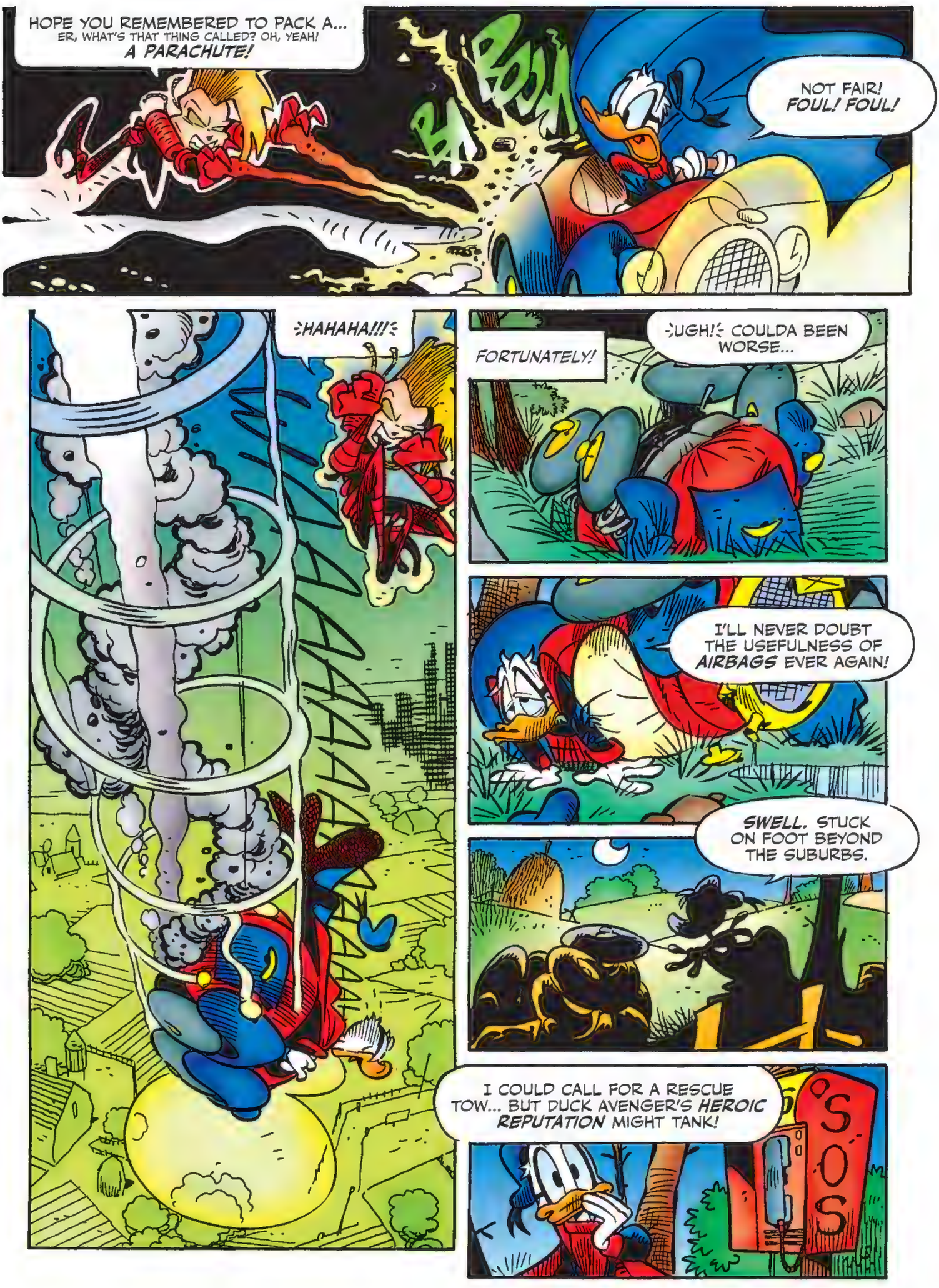
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE DIABOLICAL DU—
WAITASEC...
I WAS SO TIRED... THAT I LEFT MY WEAPONS BACK AT DUCKLAIR TOWER!
WEEEE
FIRE!
FZZZ
WHAM
WEEEE
NO WORRIES! THIS DUCK DUCKS, BOBS AND WEAVES BETTER THAN ANY DUCK DOES!
WAK! NO WAY OUT!
GOIN' UP IS OUT TOO!

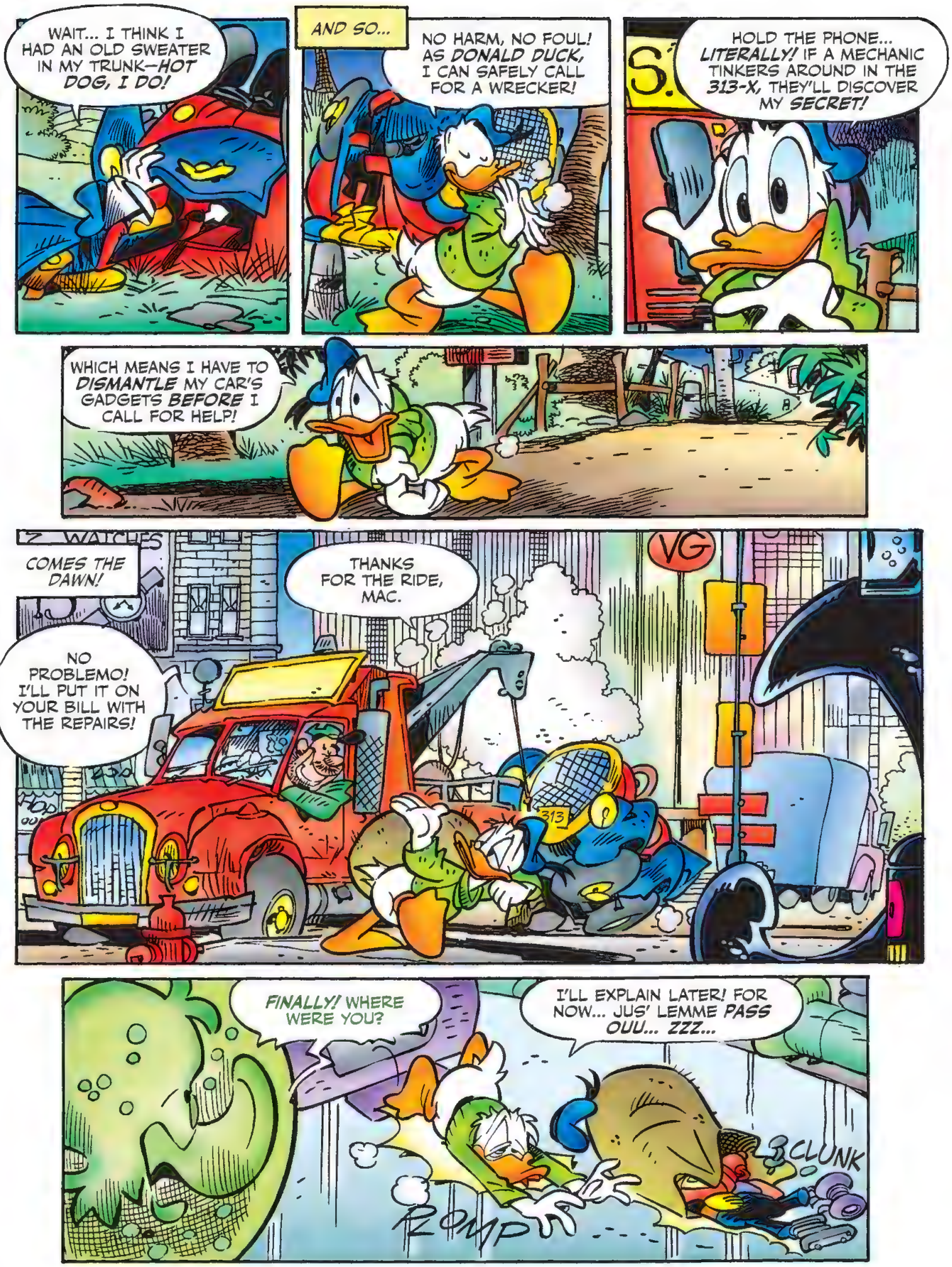
COME AT ME, YA MONKEYS! I AIN'T GOIN DOWN WITH MY BACK AGAINST THE...
...WALL? HANG ON A SEC, WHY'S IT DOIN' THA—
GRREAK
XADHOOM!


HEY, BOYS... READY TO DANCE?
BLAST HER! NOW! NOW!!!
MY, MY... HIGH-POWERED, PHASE-COHERENT MICROWAVE RAYS? WHAT A FUN GAME!
ZRAM
BUT THE RULES I SET ARE FAR MORE... FLUID!
SHRIEEEK!
VORP
YOU COSMIC PARASITES ARE ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR ENERGY, RIGHT?
WELL, GUESS WHAT? THIS TIME YOU REALLY LUCKED OUT...

SO BE A DOLL AND TELL ME WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH!
SHE OVERLOADED TRUMAN!
STAY BACK!
WYAAAAAAM
BINGO, BOYS! AND IN JUST A SEC, YOU'LL BE OVERLOADED TOO!
KRACKLE
PERFECT TIMING!
COME BACK AND FACE ME, COWARDS!
WE AREN'T EQUIPPED TO FIGHT HER!
I. WILL. FIND. YOU.
HEY, THANKS! YOU WERE—
OH! YOU'RE STILL HERE?
YOU'RE EITHER REALLY BRAVE... OR REALLY DUMB!
WAIT, WHAT? I DON'T—


NO WORRIES! THERE'S ENOUGH FOR YOU TOO!
WYAAAN
YEOWCH!!!
HUH. YOU'RE EITHER SUPER-STRONG, OR NOT AN EVRONIAN! MY OVERLOAD SURGE DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON YOU.
YA DON' SHAY?!
HISSSSSS
GUESS I'LL HAFTA TRY A DIFFERENT FORM OF ENERGY.
WAK! DON'T BOTHER! I LEFT MY CAR IN A NO PARKING ZONE!
FOOM!
ZOW!
KRAACKK
GOGOGOGOTAKEOFFGO! THERE'S GETTIN' TO BE TOO MANY SPACE ZANIES IN THIS TOWN!
STUBBORN ALIENS! YOU BOZOS ARE THE WORST!
DON'T KID YOURSELF, WEIRDO! YOU WON'T GET RID OF ME!
WOOOW
VROOM


HOPE YOU REMEMBERED TO PACK A...
ER, WHAT'S THAT THING CALLED? OH, YEAH!
A PARACHUTE!
BOOM
NOT FAIR! FOUL! FOUL!
:HAHAHA!!!:
FORTUNATELY!
:UGH!: COULDA BEEN WORSE...
I'LL NEVER DOUBT THE USEFULNESS OF AIRBAGS EVER AGAIN!
SWELL. STUCK ON FOOT BEYOND THE SUBURBS.
I COULD CALL FOR A RESCUE TOW... BUT DUCK AVENGER'S HEROIC REPUTATION MIGHT TANK!
SOS


WAIT... I THINK I HAD AN OLD SWEATER IN MY TRUNK—*HOT DOG, I DO!*
*AND SO...*
NO HARM, NO FOUL! AS *DONALD DUCK*, I CAN SAFELY CALL FOR A WRECKER!
HOLD THE PHONE... *LITERALLY!* IF A MECHANIC TINKERS AROUND IN THE *313-X*, THEY'LL DISCOVER MY *SECRET!*
WHICH MEANS I HAVE TO *DISMANTLE* MY CAR'S GADGETS *BEFORE* I CALL FOR HELP!
*COMES THE DAWN!*
THANKS FOR THE RIDE, MAC.
NO PROBLEMO! I'LL PUT IT ON YOUR BILL WITH THE REPAIRS!
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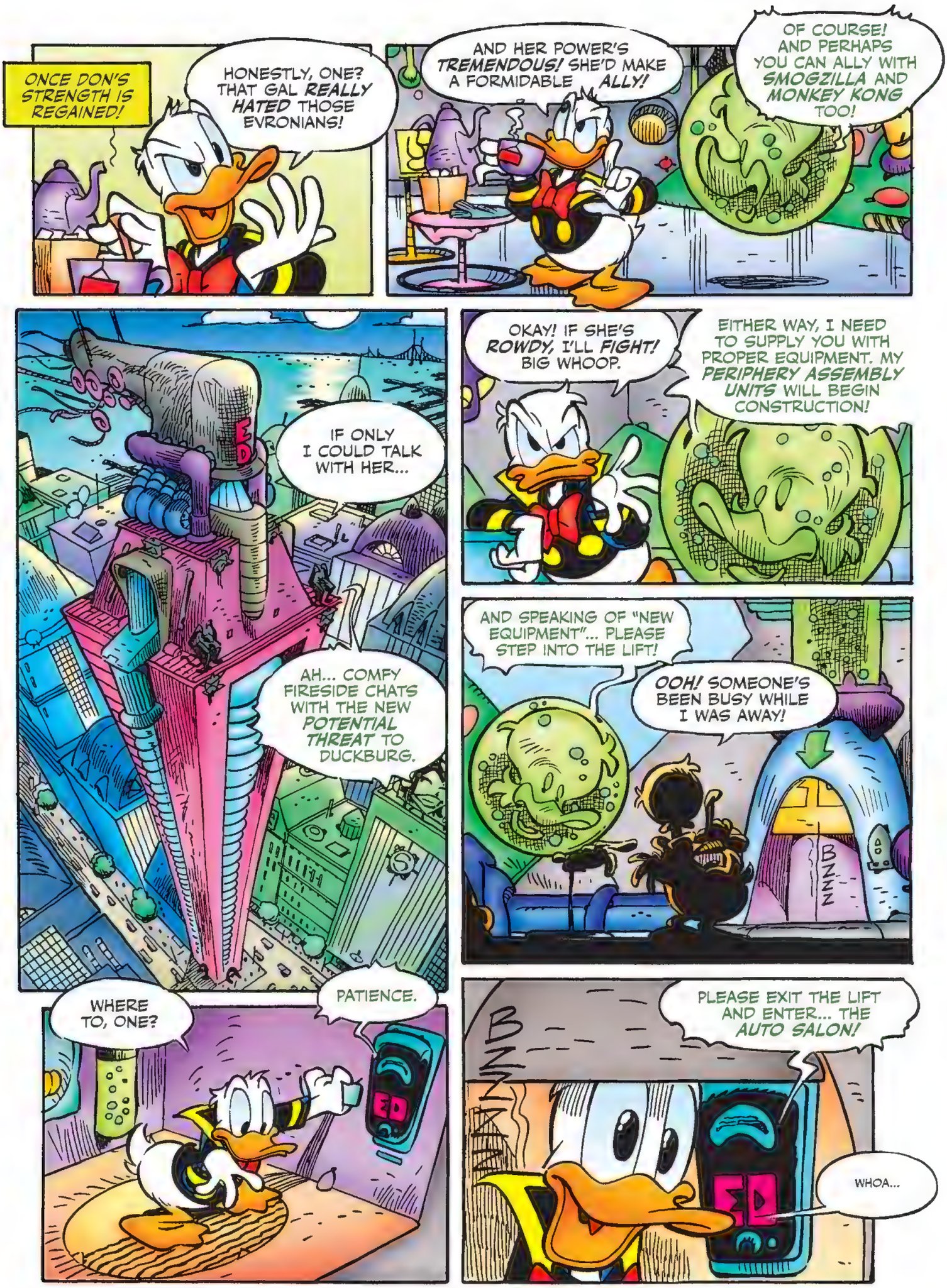
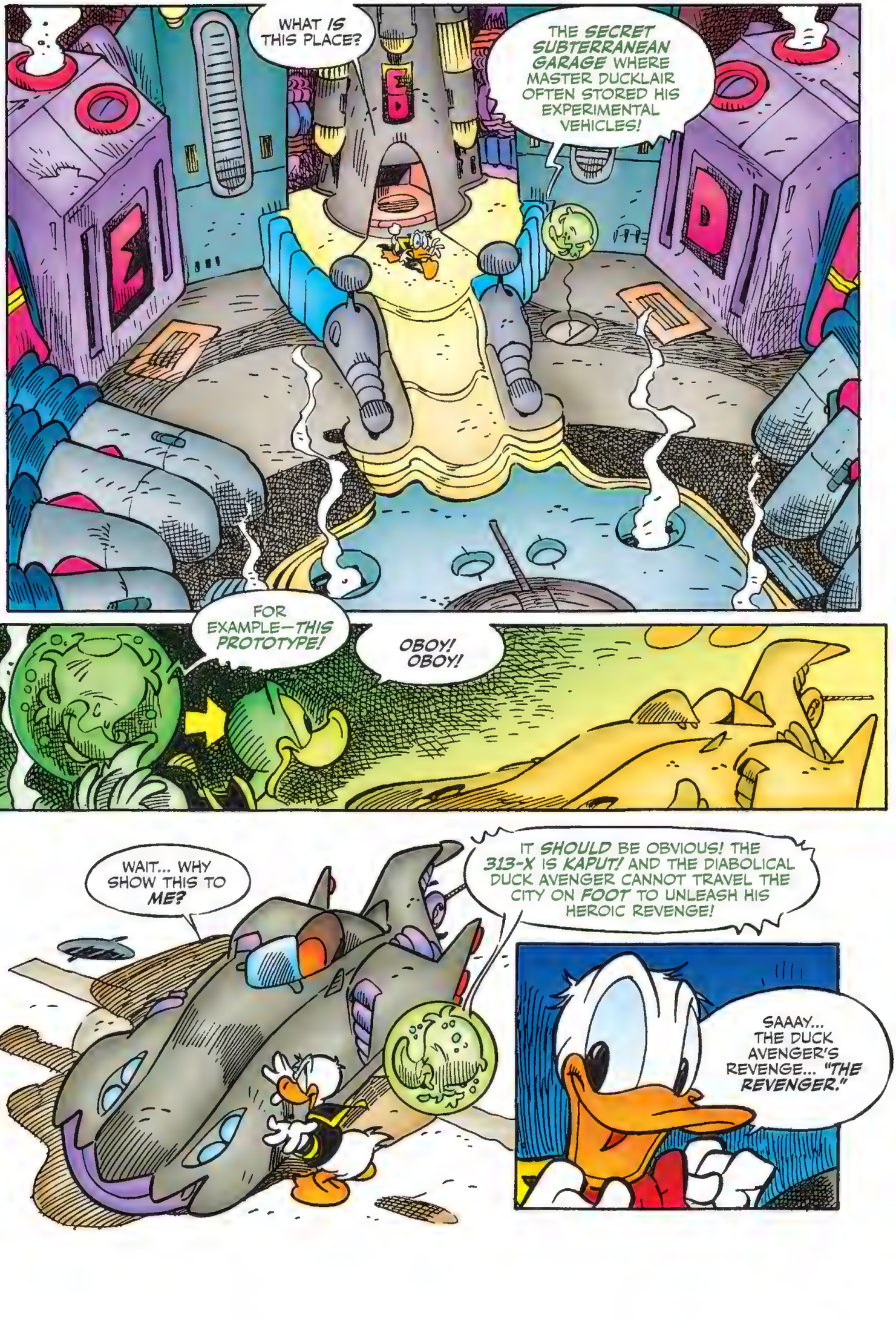
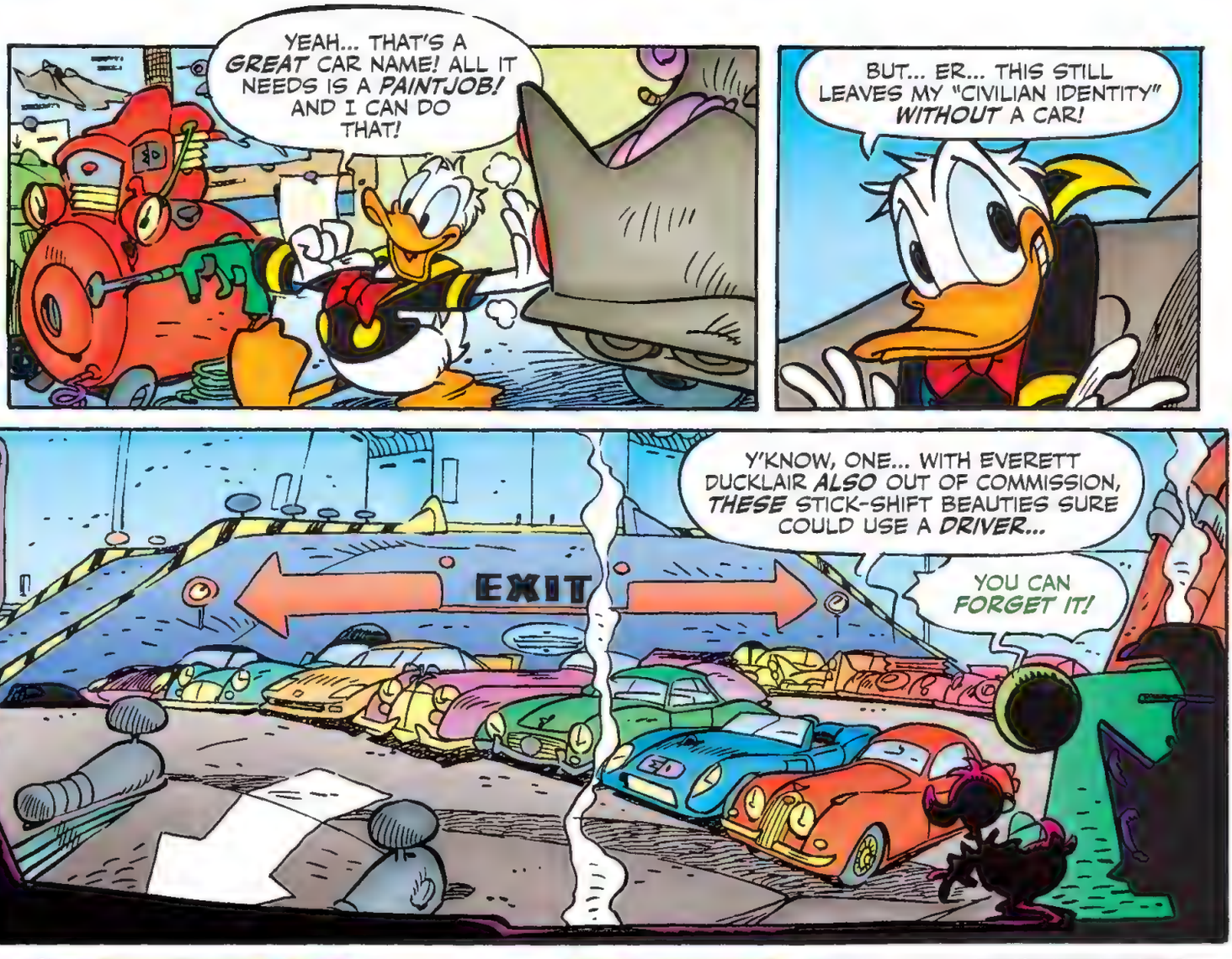
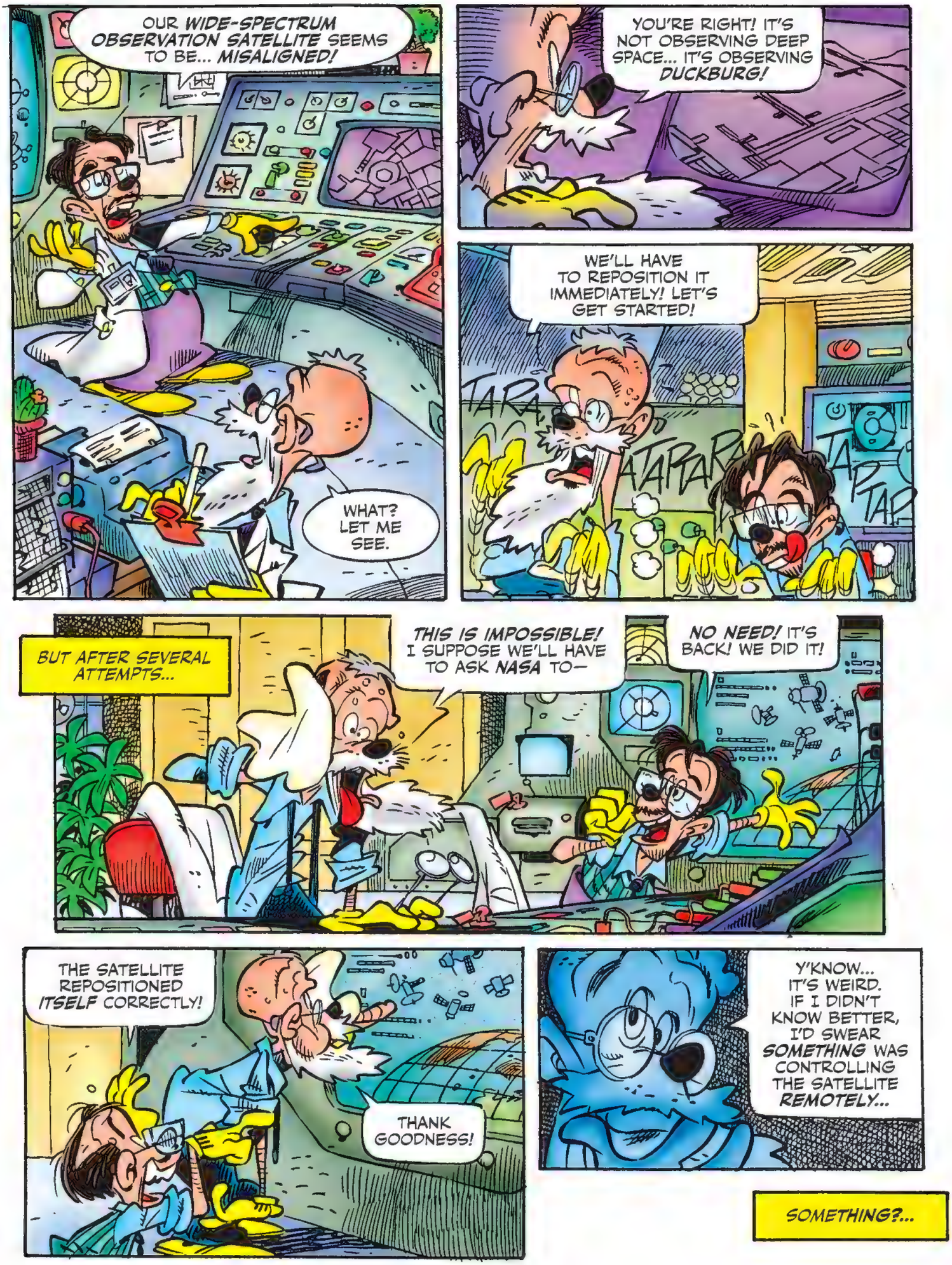
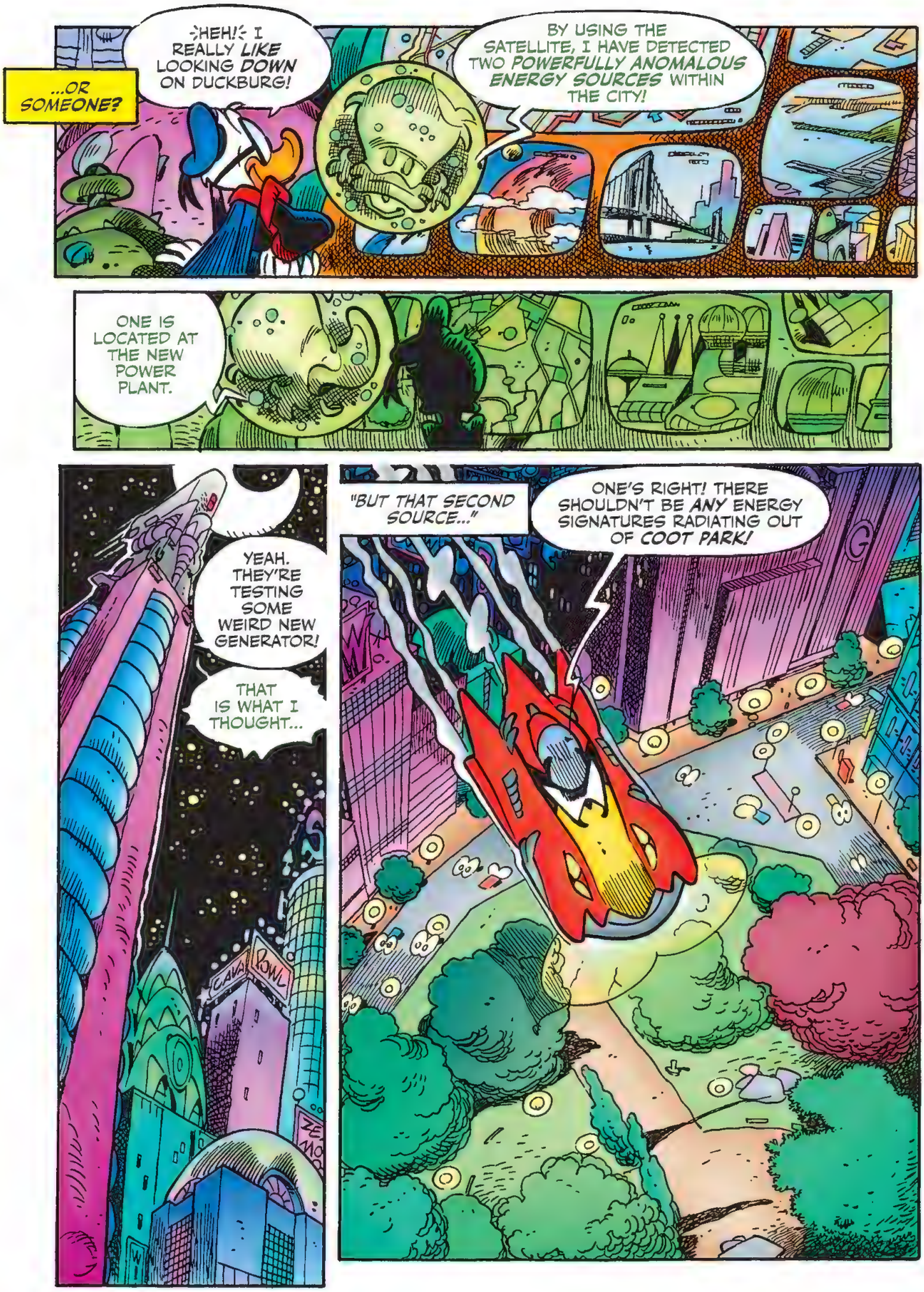
*FINALLY!* WHERE WERE YOU?
I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! FOR NOW... JUS' LEMME *PASS OUU... ZZZ...*
CLUNK
ROMP

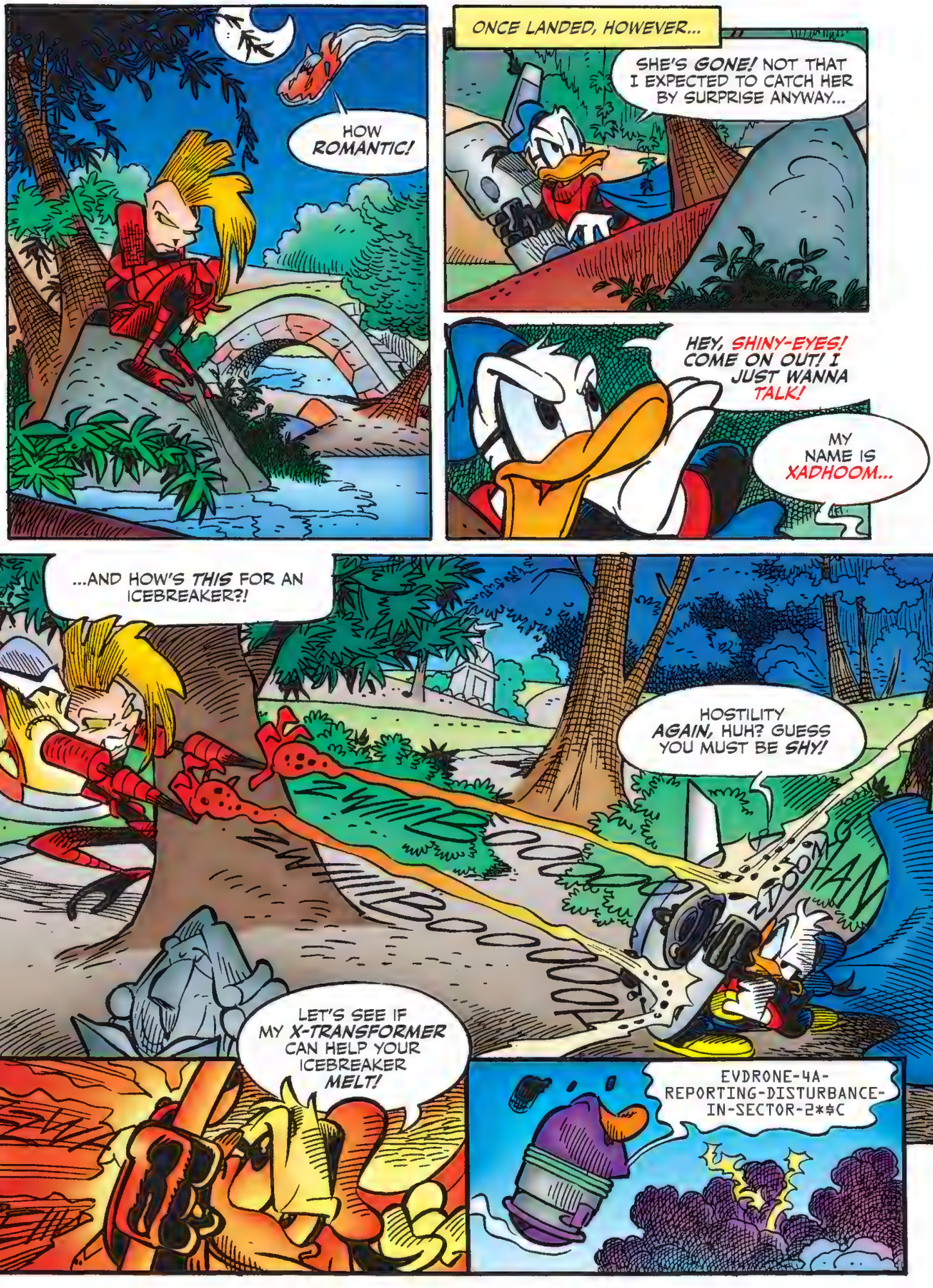

ONCE DON'S STRENGTH IS REGAINED!
HONESTLY, ONE? THAT GAL REALLY HATED THOSE EVRONIANS!
AND HER POWER'S TREMENDOUS! SHE'D MAKE A FORMIDABLE ALLY!
OF COURSE! AND PERHAPS YOU CAN ALLY WITH SMOGZILLA AND MONKEY KONG TOO!
IF ONLY I COULD TALK WITH HER...
AH... COMFY FIRESIDE CHATS WITH THE NEW POTENTIAL THREAT TO DUCKBURG.
OKAY! IF SHE'S ROWDY, I'LL FIGHT! BIG WHOOP.
EITHER WAY, I NEED TO SUPPLY YOU WITH PROPER EQUIPMENT. MY PERIPHERY ASSEMBLY UNITS WILL BEGIN CONSTRUCTION!
AND SPEAKING OF "NEW EQUIPMENT"... PLEASE STEP INTO THE LIFT!
OOH! SOMEONE'S BEEN BUSY WHILE I WAS AWAY!
BZZZ
WHERE TO, ONE?
PATIENCE.
PLEASE EXIT THE LIFT AND ENTER... THE AUTO SALON!
WHOA...

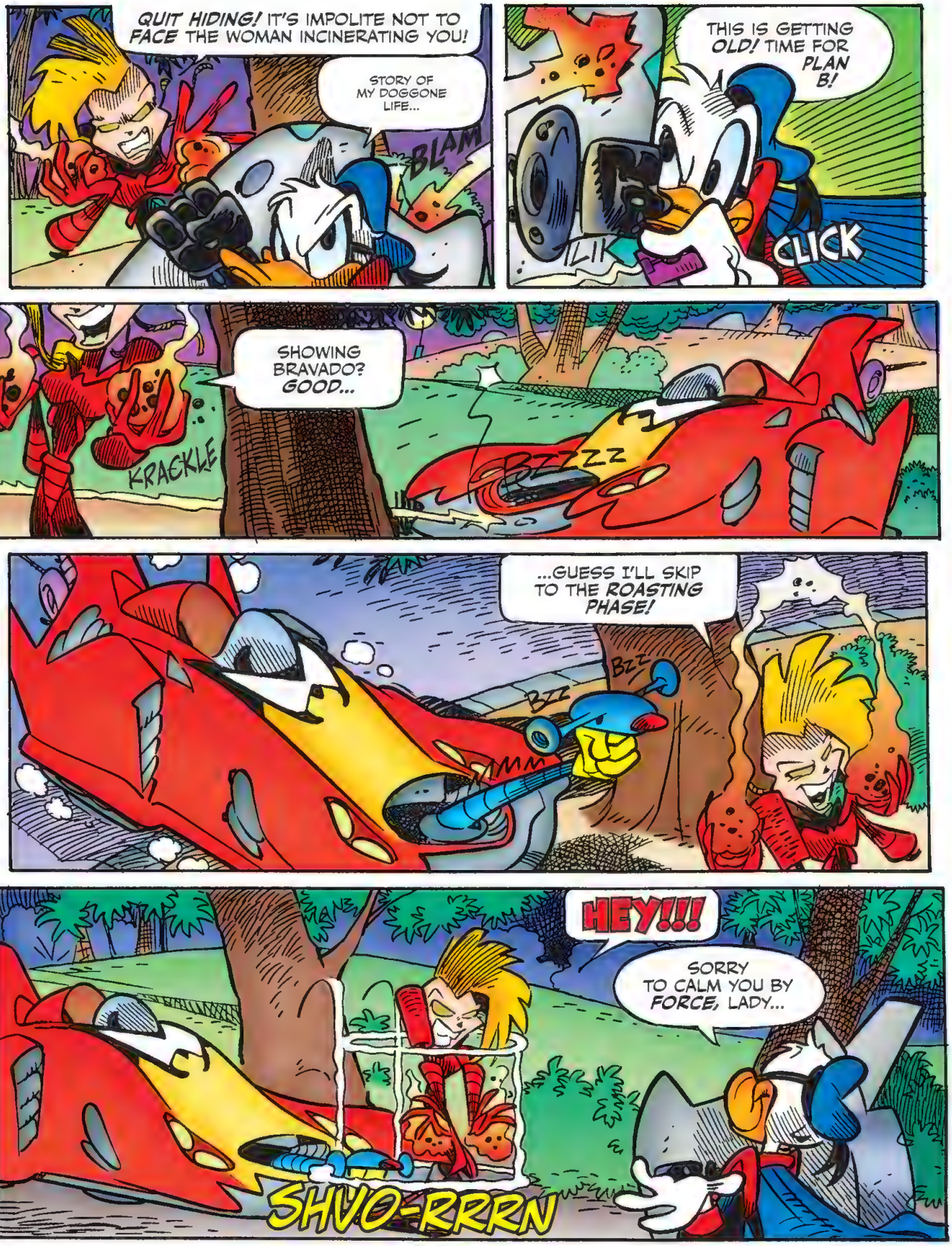

WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?
THE *SECRET SUBTERRANEAN GARAGE* WHERE MASTER DUCKLAIR OFTEN STORED HIS EXPERIMENTAL VEHICLES!
FOR EXAMPLE—*THIS PROTOTYPE!*
*OBOY! OBOY!*
WAIT... WHY SHOW THIS TO *ME?*
IT *SHOULD* BE OBVIOUS! THE *313-X* IS *KAPUT!* AND THE DIABOLICAL DUCK AVENGER CANNOT TRAVEL THE CITY ON *FOOT* TO UNLEASH HIS HEROIC REVENGE!
SAAAY... THE DUCK AVENGER'S REVENGE... *"THE REVENGER."*


YEAH... THAT'S A GREAT CAR NAME! ALL IT NEEDS IS A PAINTJOB! AND I CAN DO THAT!
BUT... ER... THIS STILL LEAVES MY "CIVILIAN IDENTITY" WITHOUT A CAR!
EXIT
Y'KNOW, ONE... WITH EVERETT DUCKLAIR ALSO OUT OF COMMISSION, THESE STICK-SHIFT BEAUTIES SURE COULD USE A DRIVER...
YOU CAN FORGET IT!
DONALD DUCK DOES NOT DRIVE RITZY CARS. YOU MIGHT ATTRACT ATTENTION!
SO—UNTIL YOUR 313 IS PROPERLY FIXED, YOU WILL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR RIDING THE BUS.
FEH!
LATER THAT NIGHT, AT DUCKBURG'S RADIO-ASTRONOMIC OBSERVATORY...
PROFESSOR, WE HAVE A PROBLEM!


OUR WIDE-SPECTRUM OBSERVATION SATELLITE SEEMS TO BE... MISALIGNED!
WHAT? LET ME SEE.
YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S NOT OBSERVING DEEP SPACE... IT'S OBSERVING DUCKBURG!
WE'LL HAVE TO REPOSITION IT IMMEDIATELY! LET'S GET STARTED!
TARA
ATAPARA
TAP TAP
BUT AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS...
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! I SUPPOSE WE'LL HAVE TO ASK NASA TO—
NO NEED! IT'S BACK! WE DID IT!
THE SATELLITE REPOSITIONED ITSELF CORRECTLY!
THANK GOODNESS!
Y'KNOW... IT'S WEIRD. IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SWEAR SOMETHING WAS CONTROLLING THE SATELLITE REMOTELY...
SOMETHING?...


...OR SOMEONE?
:HEH!: I REALLY LIKE LOOKING DOWN ON DUCKBURG!
BY USING THE SATELLITE, I HAVE DETECTED TWO POWERFULLY ANOMALOUS ENERGY SOURCES WITHIN THE CITY!
ONE IS LOCATED AT THE NEW POWER PLANT.
YEAH. THEY'RE TESTING SOME WEIRD NEW GENERATOR!
THAT IS WHAT I THOUGHT...
"BUT THAT SECOND SOURCE..."
ONE'S RIGHT! THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY ENERGY SIGNATURES RADIATING OUT OF COOT PARK!


HOW ROMANTIC!
ONCE LANDED, HOWEVER...
SHE'S GONE! NOT THAT I EXPECTED TO CATCH HER BY SURPRISE ANYWAY...
HEY, SHINY-EYES! COME ON OUT! I JUST WANNA TALK!
MY NAME IS XADHOOM...
...AND HOW'S THIS FOR AN ICEBREAKER?!
HOSTILITY AGAIN, HUH? GUESS YOU MUST BE SHY!
ZWABOOOM
XDOOM
LET'S SEE IF MY X-TRANSFORMER CAN HELP YOUR ICEBREAKER MELT!
EVDRONE-4A-REPORTING-DISTURBANCE-IN-SECTOR-2*$C


QUIT HIDING! IT'S IMPOLITE NOT TO FACE THE WOMAN INCINERATING YOU!
STORY OF MY DOGGONE LIFE...
BLAM
THIS IS GETTING OLD! TIME FOR PLAN B!
CLICK
SHOWING BRAVADO? GOOD...
KRACKLE
BZZZZ
...GUESS I'LL SKIP TO THE ROASTING PHASE!
BZZ
HEY!!!
SORRY TO CALM YOU BY FORCE, LADY...
SHVO-RRRN

...BUT YOUR NEW "ENERGY TUBE DRESS"? RAVISHING!
LET ME GO! WHAT IS THIS?
A DISPERSIVE ENERGY LIMITER! DESIGNED BY A CLOSE FRIEND, ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
IT'LL LET ME— HEY! WHY ARE YOU SCRUNCHING YOUR FACE? I WON'T HURT YOU.
NO... BUT WE WILL!
THANKS FOR THE ASSIST, YOU DUMB TERRAN! NOW WE'LL EASILY FINISH YOU BOTH!
KEEP SAYIN' THAT, DOUBLE-UGLY! MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL CONVINCE YOURSELF!
YOU EVRONIANS HAD BETTER BE INSURED...
CLICK
:ARGH!:
:URGH!:
OUCH!
...AGAINST CAR ACCIDENTS!

HEADS UP! KICKS FROM ABOVE!
:OOF!:
WHAM
BEHIND YOU!
ON IT! THANKS!
FINAL ROUND! HEAR THAT BELL?
DONG
IF NOT, I'LL RING IT AGAIN!
WHAM
HEY! DON'T LEAVE YOUR RIDES UNATTENDED...
CLACK
ZING
...A VANDAL LIKE ME MIGHT WRECK 'EM!
CRASH
LAST BUT NOT LEAST, LET'S FIELD TEST...
...THE REVENGER'S NEW GADGETS!
CLONK
CLONK
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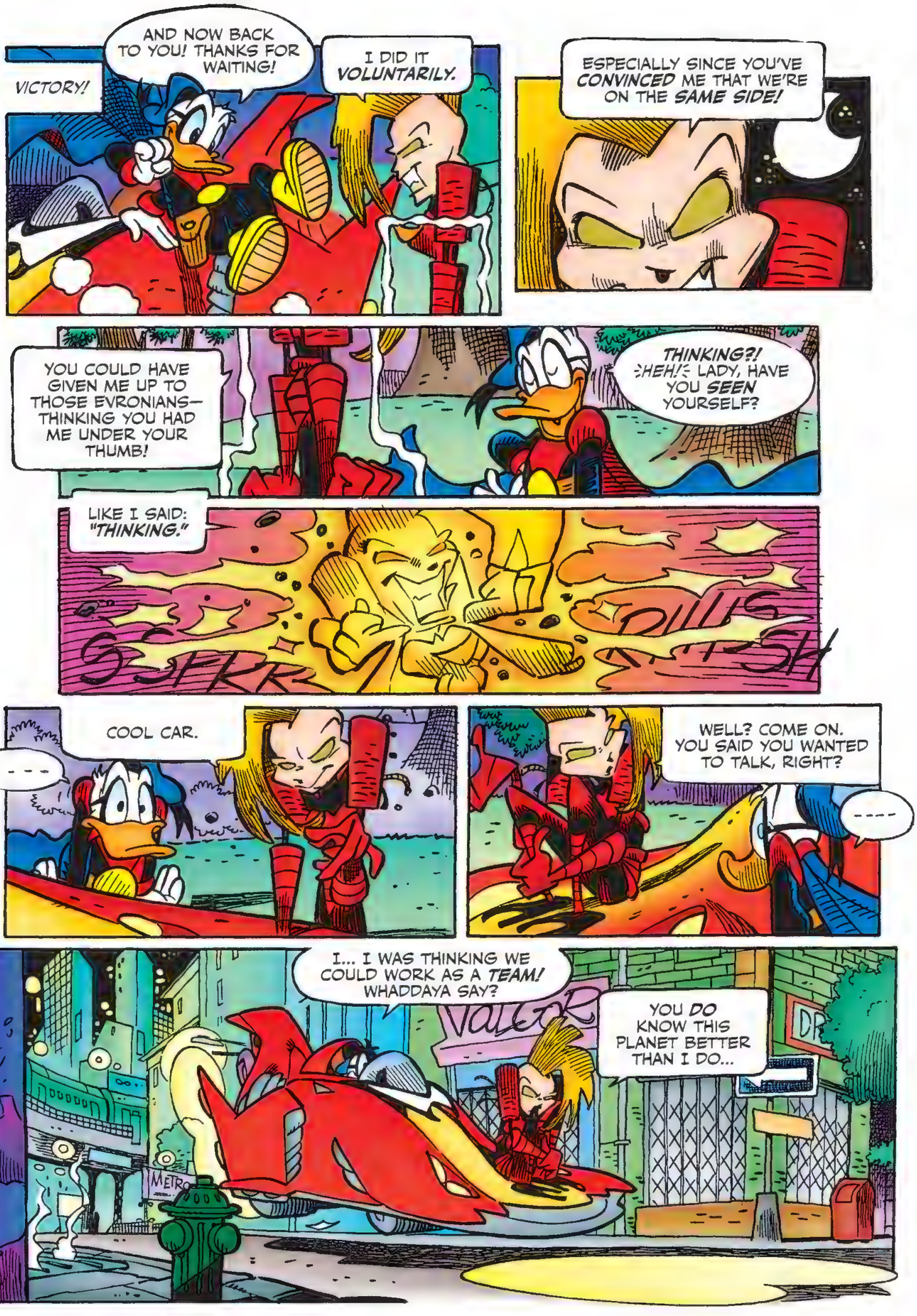
YEEK!
LIFT THOSE LANKY LEGS! OR IS JOGGING NOT A THING ON EVRON?
RRRRUMBLE


VICTORY!
AND NOW BACK TO YOU! THANKS FOR WAITING!
I DID IT VOLUNTARILY.
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'VE CONVINCED ME THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME SIDE!
YOU COULD HAVE GIVEN ME UP TO THOSE EVRONIANS— THINKING YOU HAD ME UNDER YOUR THUMB!
THINKING?! HEH!= LADY, HAVE YOU SEEN YOURSELF?
LIKE I SAID: "THINKING."
COOL CAR.
- - - -
WELL? COME ON. YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO TALK, RIGHT?
- - - -
I... I WAS THINKING WE COULD WORK AS A TEAM! WHADDAYA SAY?
YOU DO KNOW THIS PLANET BETTER THAN I DO...
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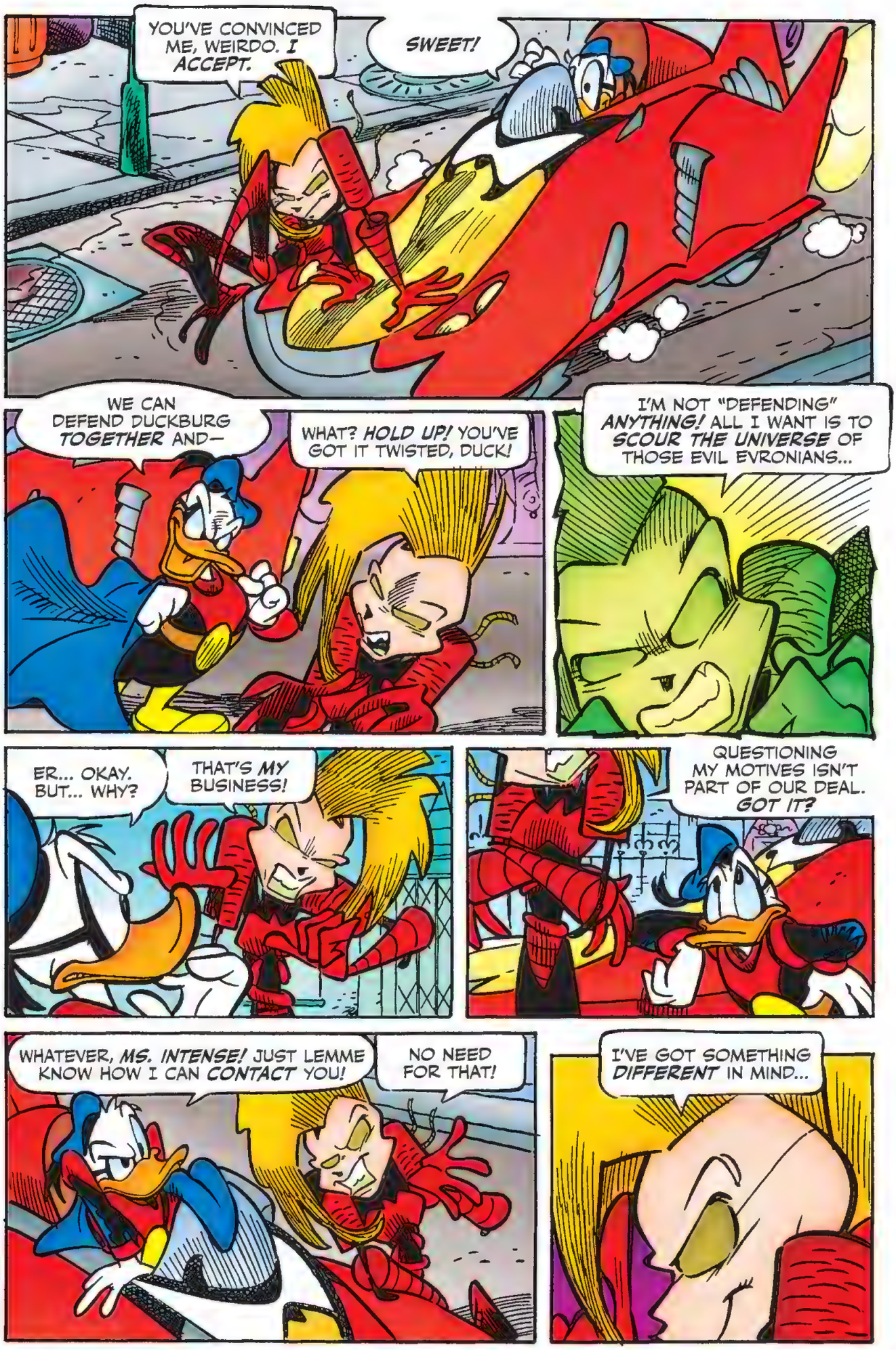
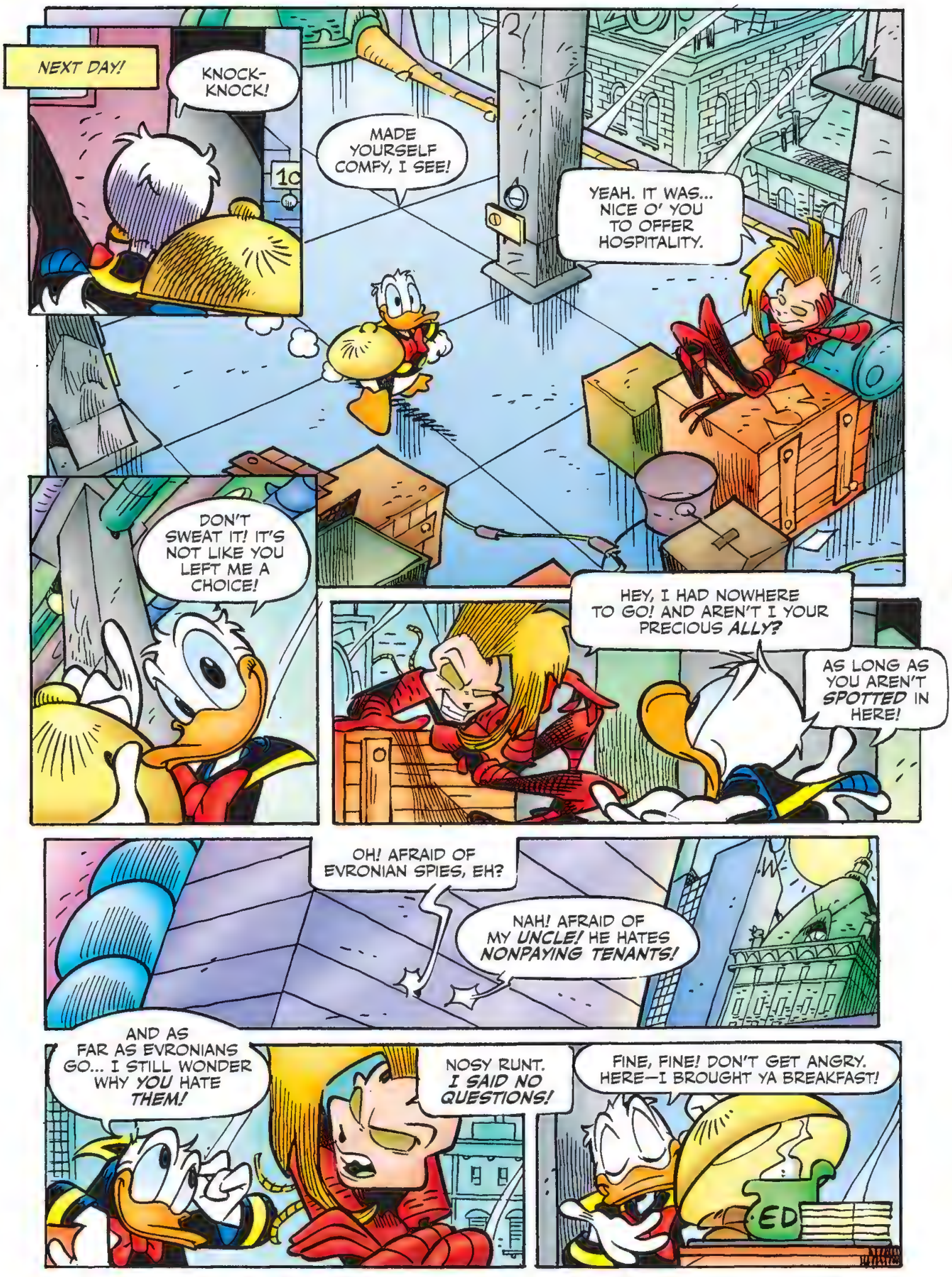

YOU'VE CONVINCED ME, WEIRDO. I ACCEPT.
SWEET!
WE CAN DEFEND DUCKBURG TOGETHER AND—
WHAT? HOLD UP! YOU'VE GOT IT TWISTED, DUCK!
I'M NOT "DEFENDING" ANYTHING! ALL I WANT IS TO SCOUR THE UNIVERSE OF THOSE EVIL EVRONIANS...
ER... OKAY. BUT... WHY?
THAT'S MY BUSINESS!
QUESTIONING MY MOTIVES ISN'T PART OF OUR DEAL. GOT IT?
WHATEVER, MS. INTENSE! JUST LEMME KNOW HOW I CAN CONTACT YOU!
NO NEED FOR THAT!
I'VE GOT SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN MIND...


NEXT DAY!
KNOCK-KNOCK!
MADE YOURSELF COMFY, I SEE!
YEAH. IT WAS... NICE O' YOU TO OFFER HOSPITALITY.
DON'T SWEAT IT! IT'S NOT LIKE YOU LEFT ME A CHOICE!
HEY, I HAD NOWHERE TO GO! AND AREN'T I YOUR PRECIOUS ALLY?
AS LONG AS YOU AREN'T SPOTTED IN HERE!
OH! AFRAID OF EVRONIAN SPIES, EH?
NAH! AFRAID OF MY UNCLE! HE HATES NONPAYING TENANTS!
AND AS FAR AS EVRONIANS GO... I STILL WONDER WHY YOU HATE THEM!
NOSY RUNT. I SAID NO QUESTIONS!
FINE, FINE! DON'T GET ANGRY. HERE—I BROUGHT YA BREAKFAST!
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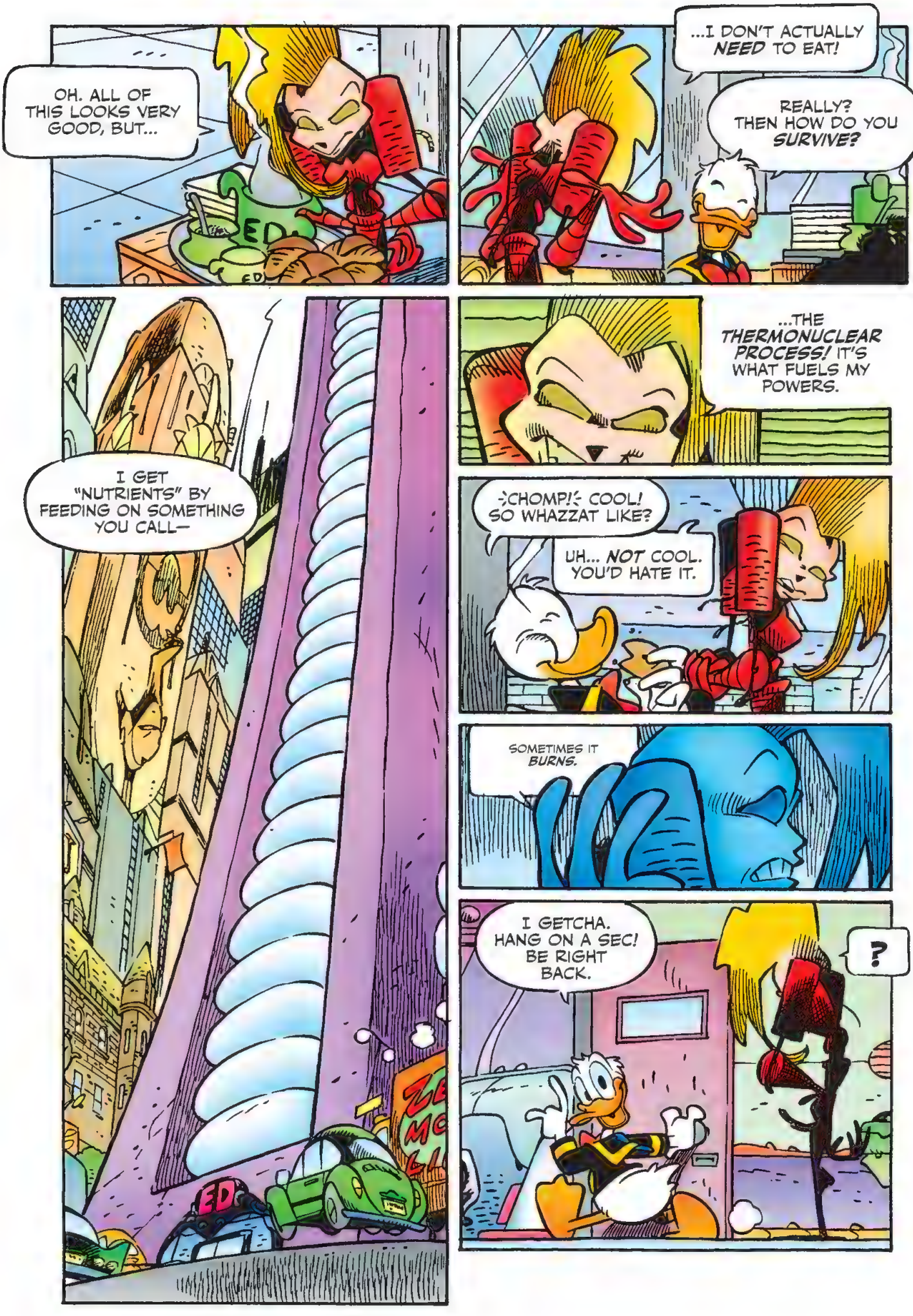
OH. ALL OF THIS LOOKS VERY GOOD, BUT...
...I DON'T ACTUALLY *NEED* TO EAT!
REALLY? THEN HOW DO YOU *SURVIVE?*
I GET "NUTRIENTS" BY FEEDING ON SOMETHING YOU CALL—
...THE *THERMONUCLEAR PROCESS!* IT'S WHAT FUELS MY POWERS.
-:CHOMP!:- COOL! SO WHAZZAT LIKE?
UH... *NOT* COOL. YOU'D HATE IT.
SOMETIMES IT *BURNS.*
I GETCHA. HANG ON A SEC! BE RIGHT BACK.
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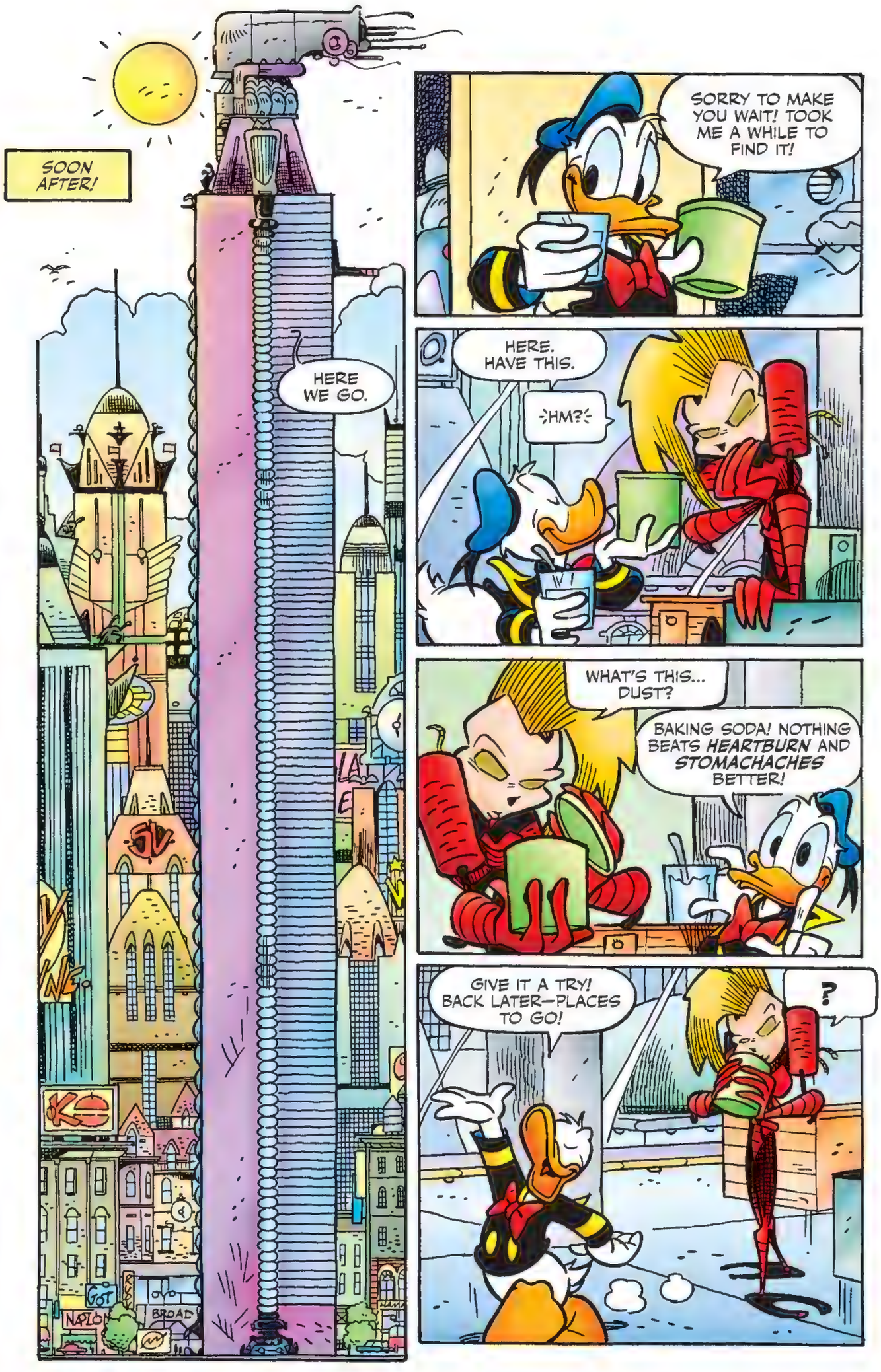
SOON AFTER!
HERE WE GO.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT! TOOK ME A WHILE TO FIND IT!
HERE. HAVE THIS.
HM?
WHAT'S THIS... DUST?
BAKING SODA! NOTHING BEATS HEARTBURN AND STOMACHACHES BETTER!
GIVE IT A TRY! BACK LATER—PLACES TO GO!
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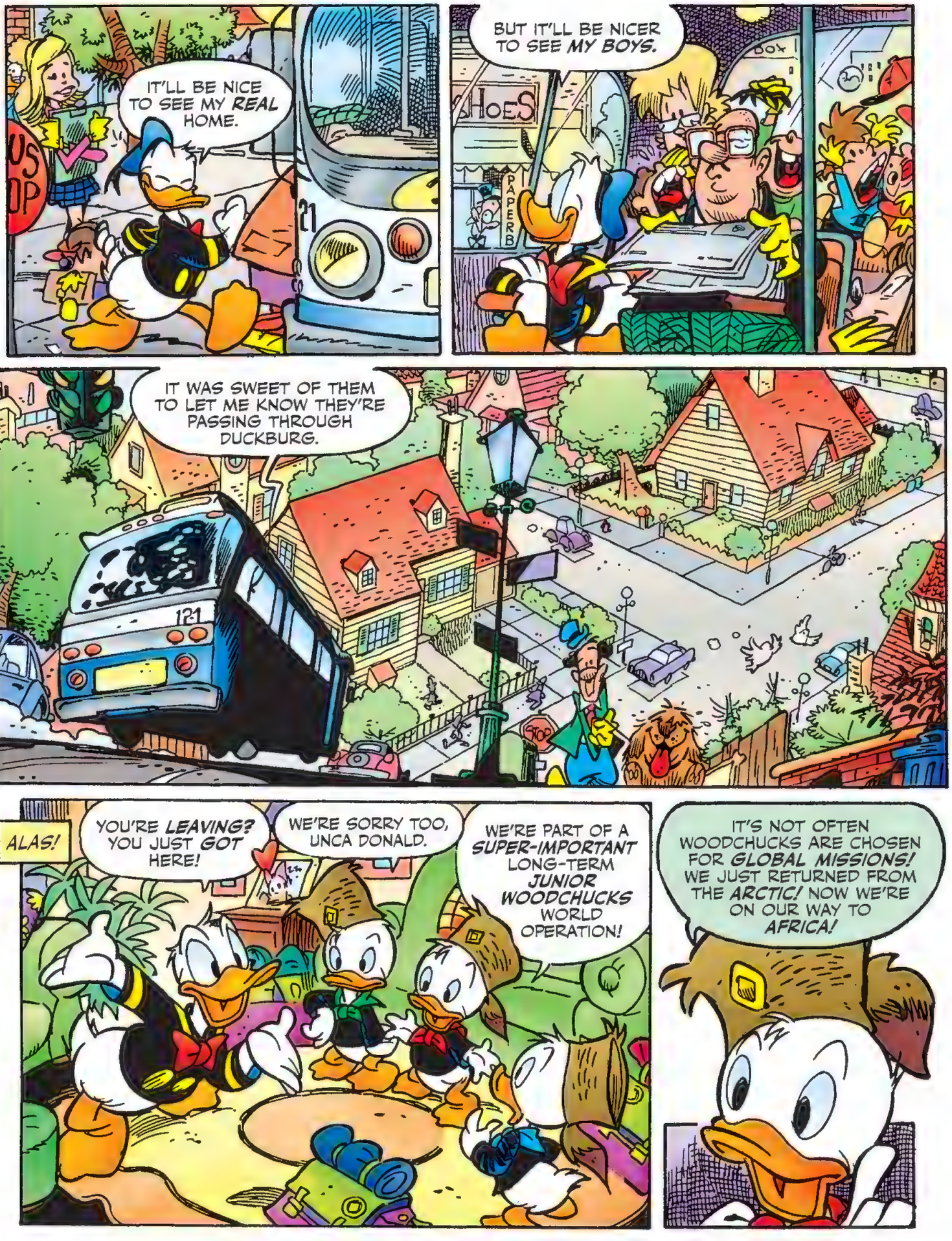
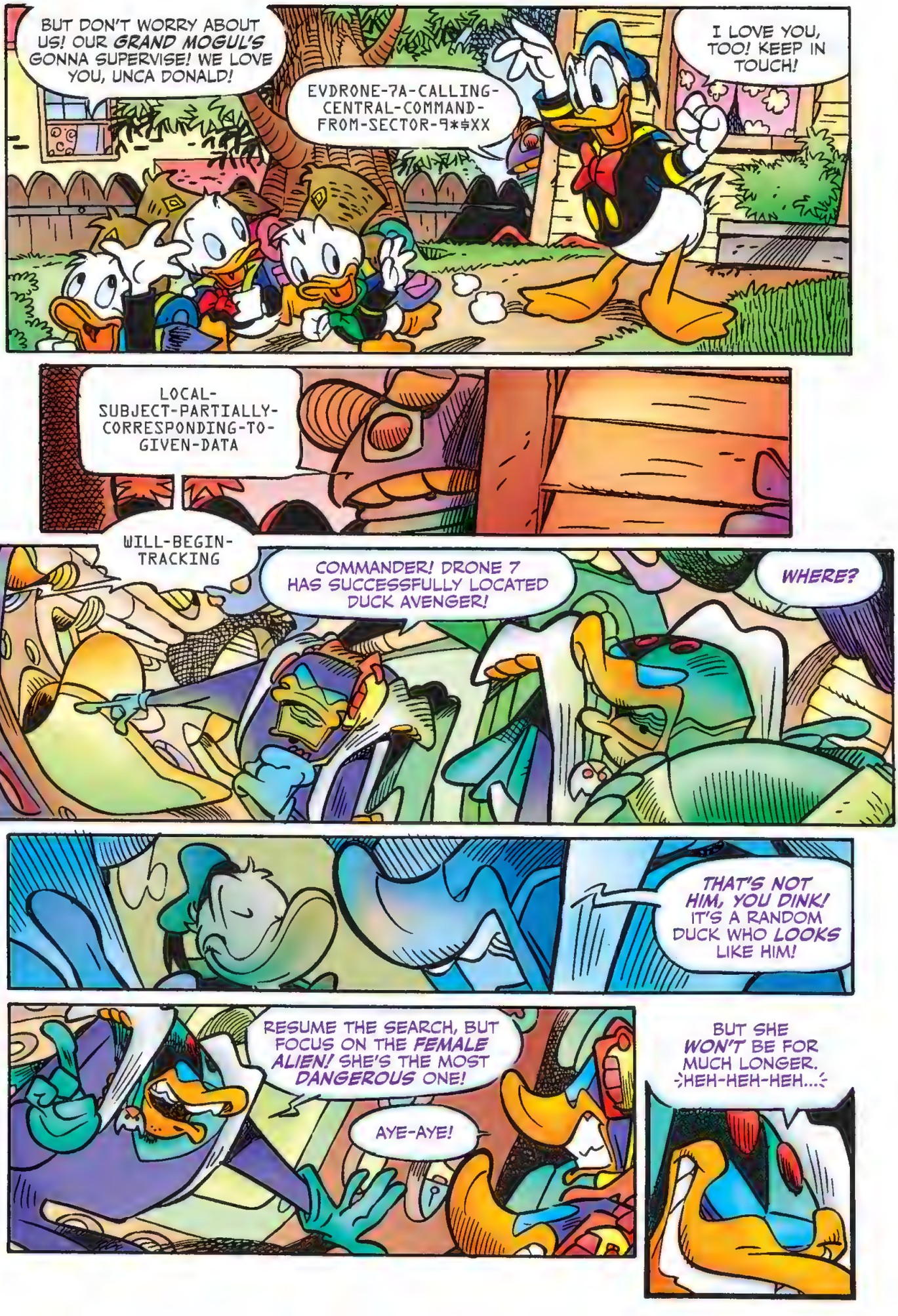
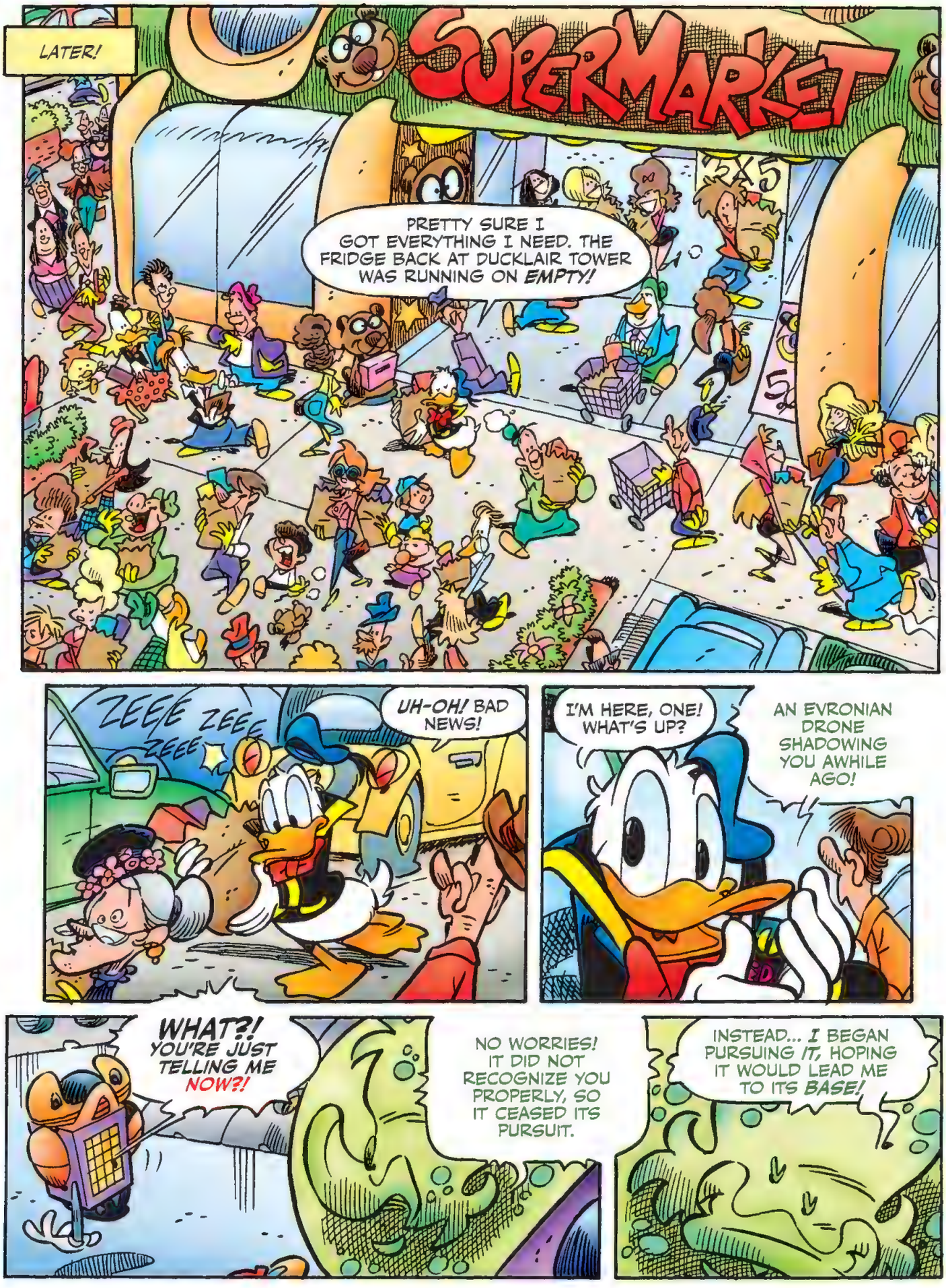
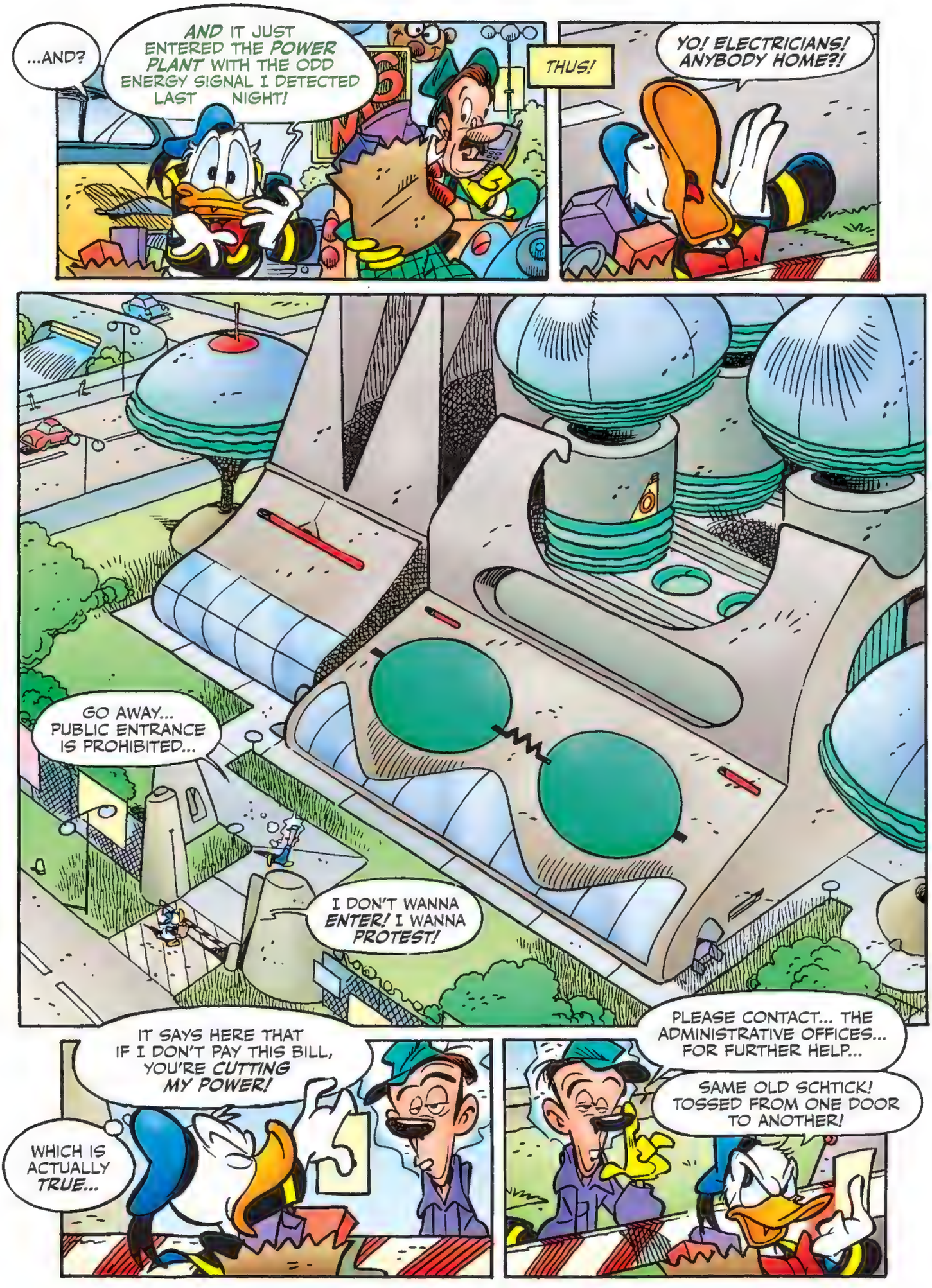
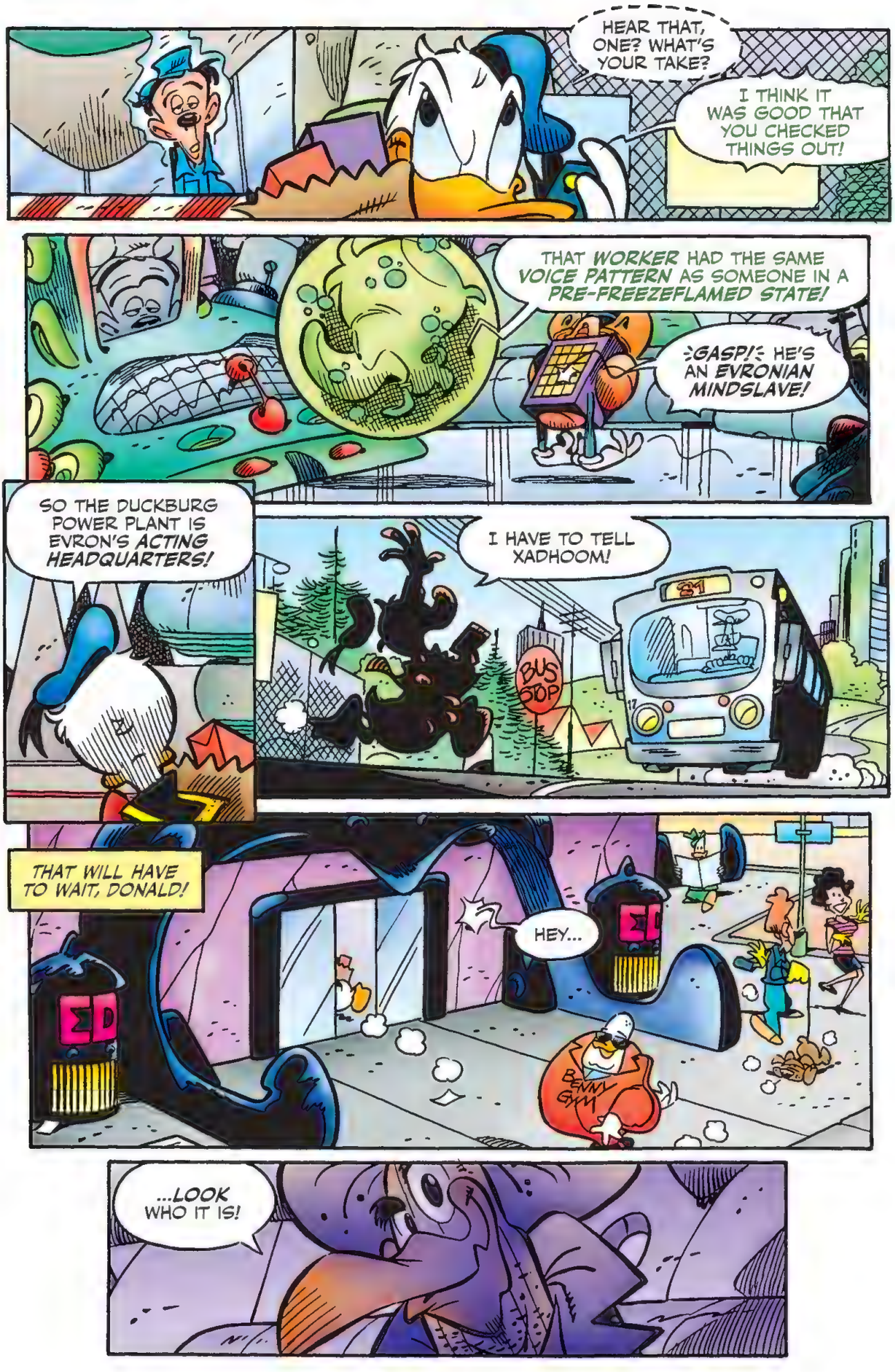
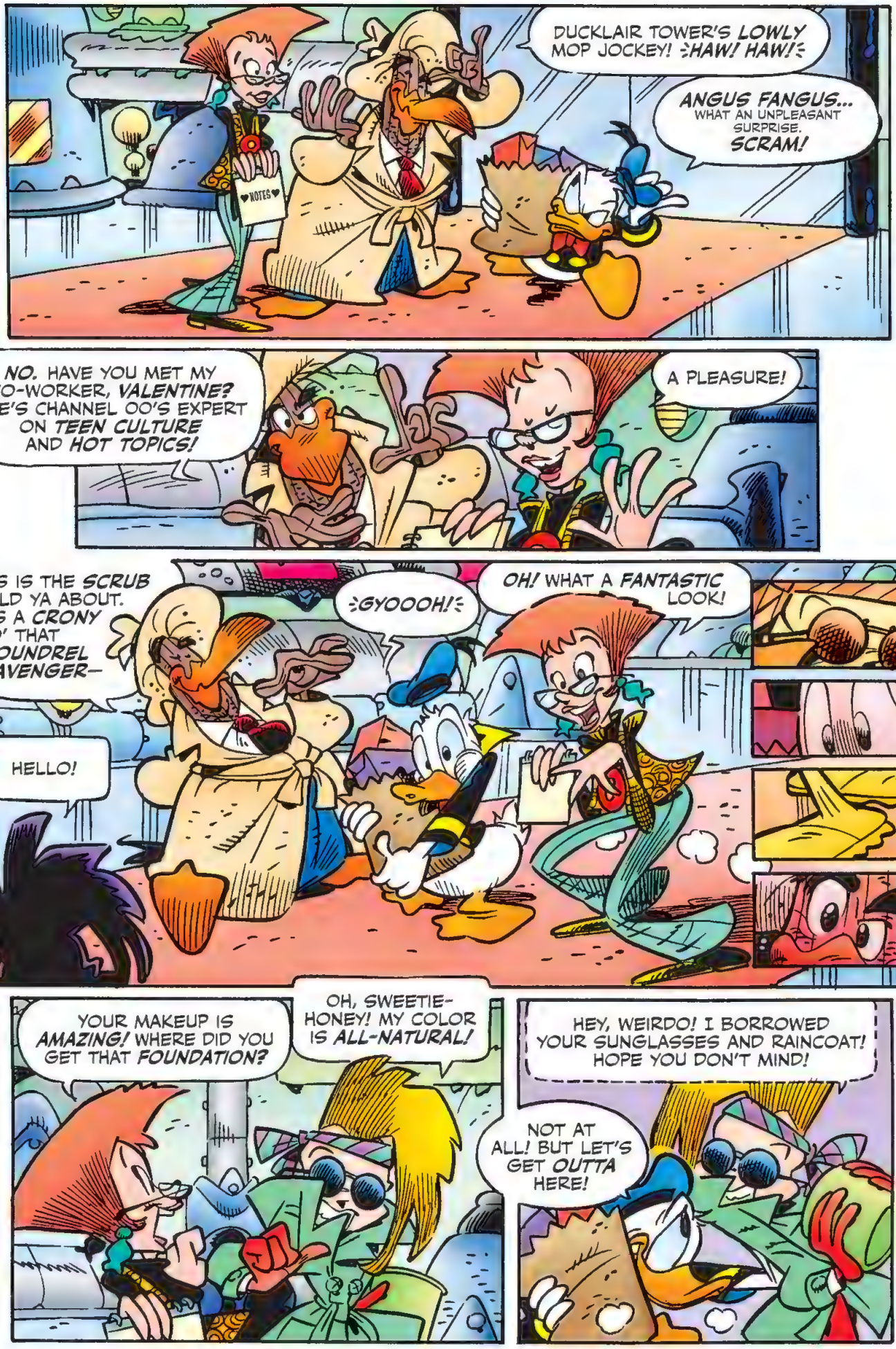

IT'LL BE NICE TO SEE MY *REAL* HOME.
BUT IT'LL BE NICER TO SEE *MY BOYS.*
SHOES
PAPERS
IT WAS SWEET OF THEM TO LET ME KNOW THEY'RE PASSING THROUGH DUCKBURG.
STOP
*ALAS!*
YOU'RE *LEAVING?* YOU JUST *GOT* HERE!
WE'RE SORRY TOO, UNCA DONALD.
WE'RE PART OF A *SUPER-IMPORTANT* LONG-TERM *JUNIOR WOODCHUCKS* WORLD OPERATION!
IT'S NOT OFTEN WOODCHUCKS ARE CHOSEN FOR *GLOBAL MISSIONS!* WE JUST RETURNED FROM THE *ARCTIC!* NOW WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO *AFRICA!*

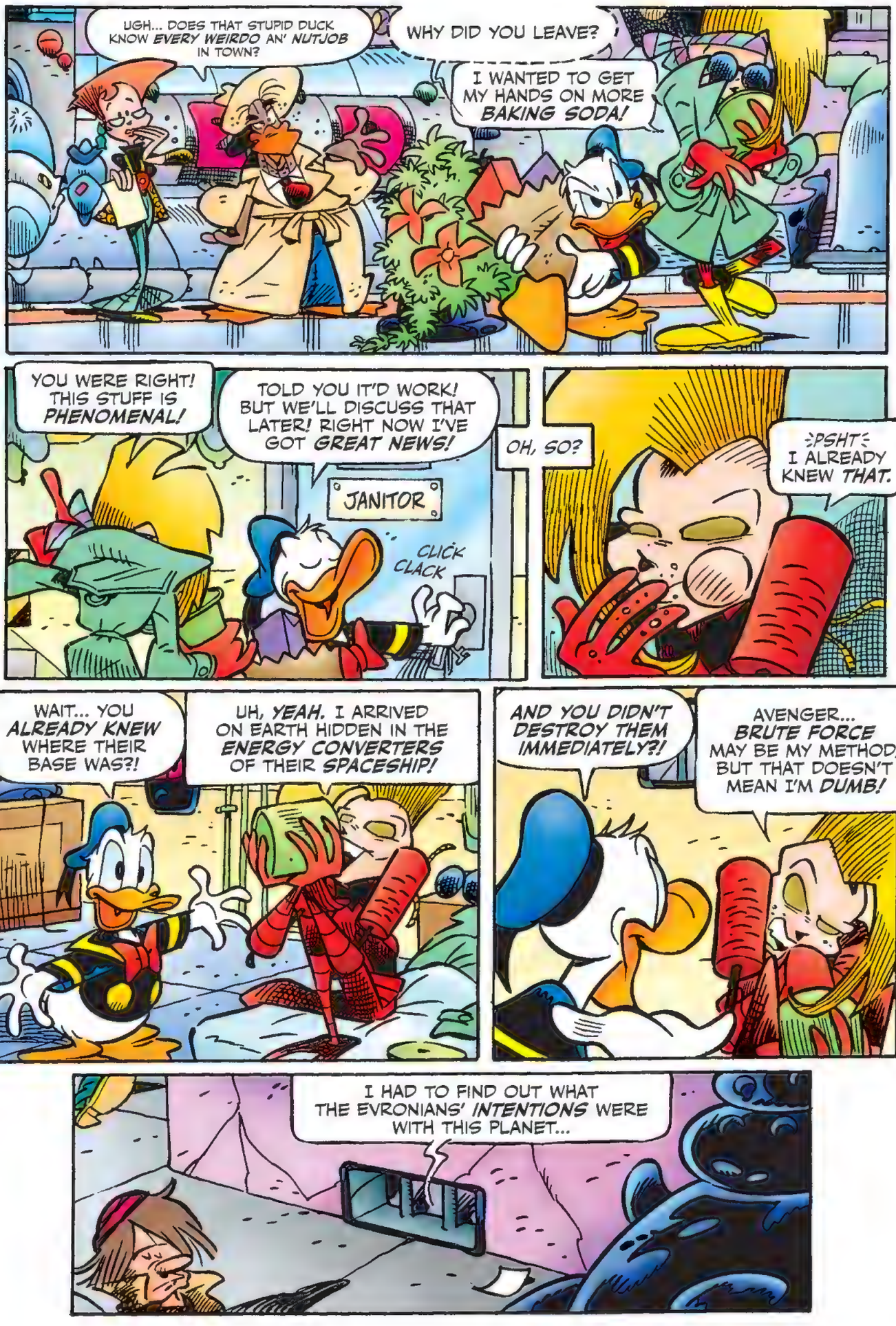

BUT DON'T WORRY ABOUT US! OUR GRAND MOGUL'S GONNA SUPERVISE! WE LOVE YOU, UNCA DONALD!
EVDRONE-7A-CALLING-CENTRAL-COMMAND-FROM-SECTOR-9*$XX
I LOVE YOU, TOO! KEEP IN TOUCH!
LOCAL-SUBJECT-PARTIALLY-CORRESPONDING-TO-GIVEN-DATA
WILL-BEGIN-TRACKING
COMMANDER! DRONE 7 HAS SUCCESSFULLY LOCATED DUCK AVENGER!
WHERE?
THAT'S NOT HIM, YOU DINK! IT'S A RANDOM DUCK WHO LOOKS LIKE HIM!
RESUME THE SEARCH, BUT FOCUS ON THE FEMALE ALIEN! SHE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS ONE!
AYE-AYE!
BUT SHE WON'T BE FOR MUCH LONGER. :-)HEH-HEH-HEH...:-(

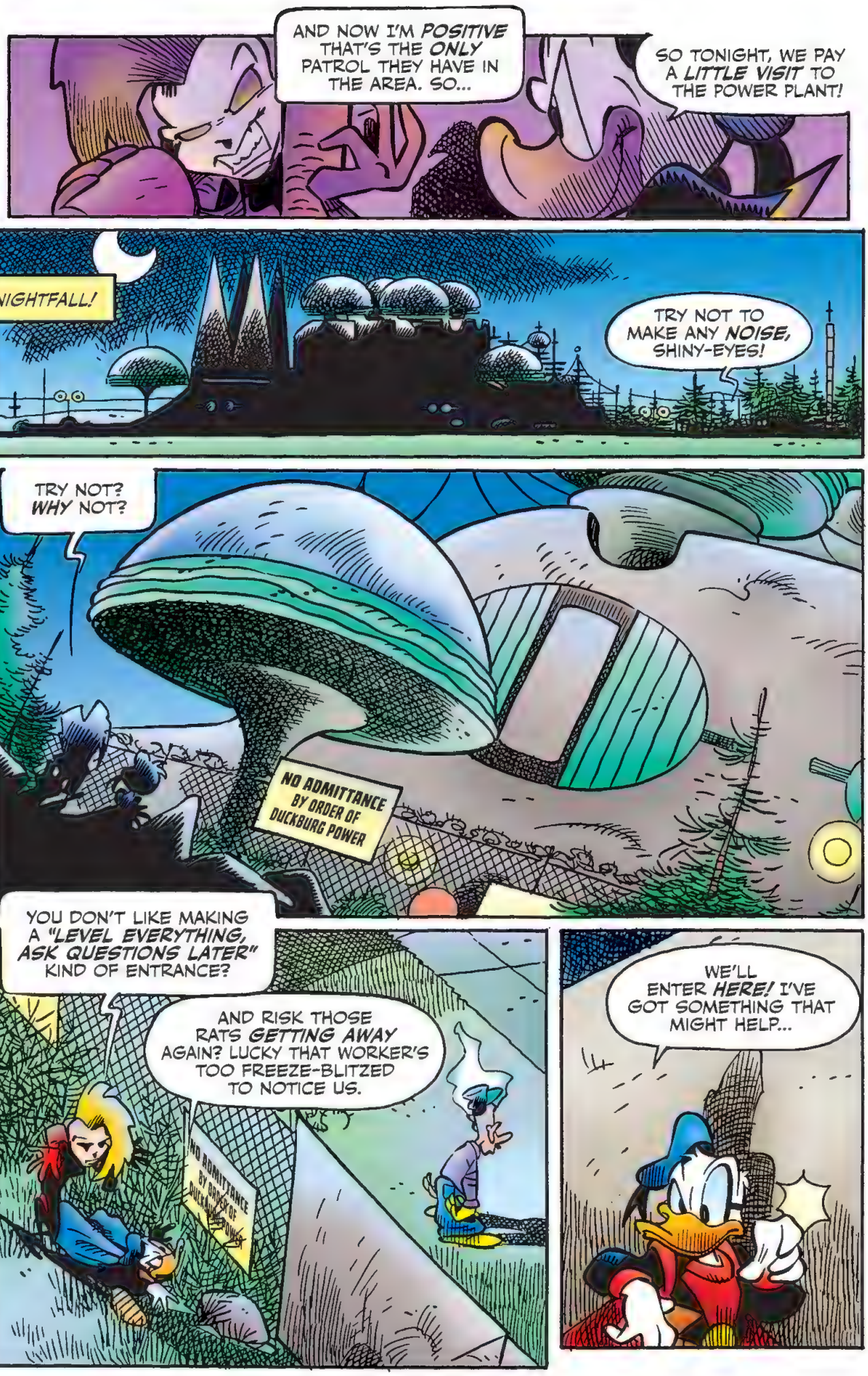

LATER!
SUPERMARKET
PRETTY SURE I GOT EVERYTHING I NEED. THE FRIDGE BACK AT DUCKLAIR TOWER WAS RUNNING ON EMPTY!
ZEEE ZEEE ZEEE
UH-OH! BAD NEWS!
I'M HERE, ONE! WHAT'S UP?
AN EVRONIAN DRONE SHADOWING YOU AWHILE AGO!
WHAT?! YOU'RE JUST TELLING ME NOW?!
NO WORRIES! IT DID NOT RECOGNIZE YOU PROPERLY, SO IT CEASED ITS PURSUIT.
INSTEAD... I BEGAN PURSUING IT, HOPING IT WOULD LEAD ME TO ITS BASE!

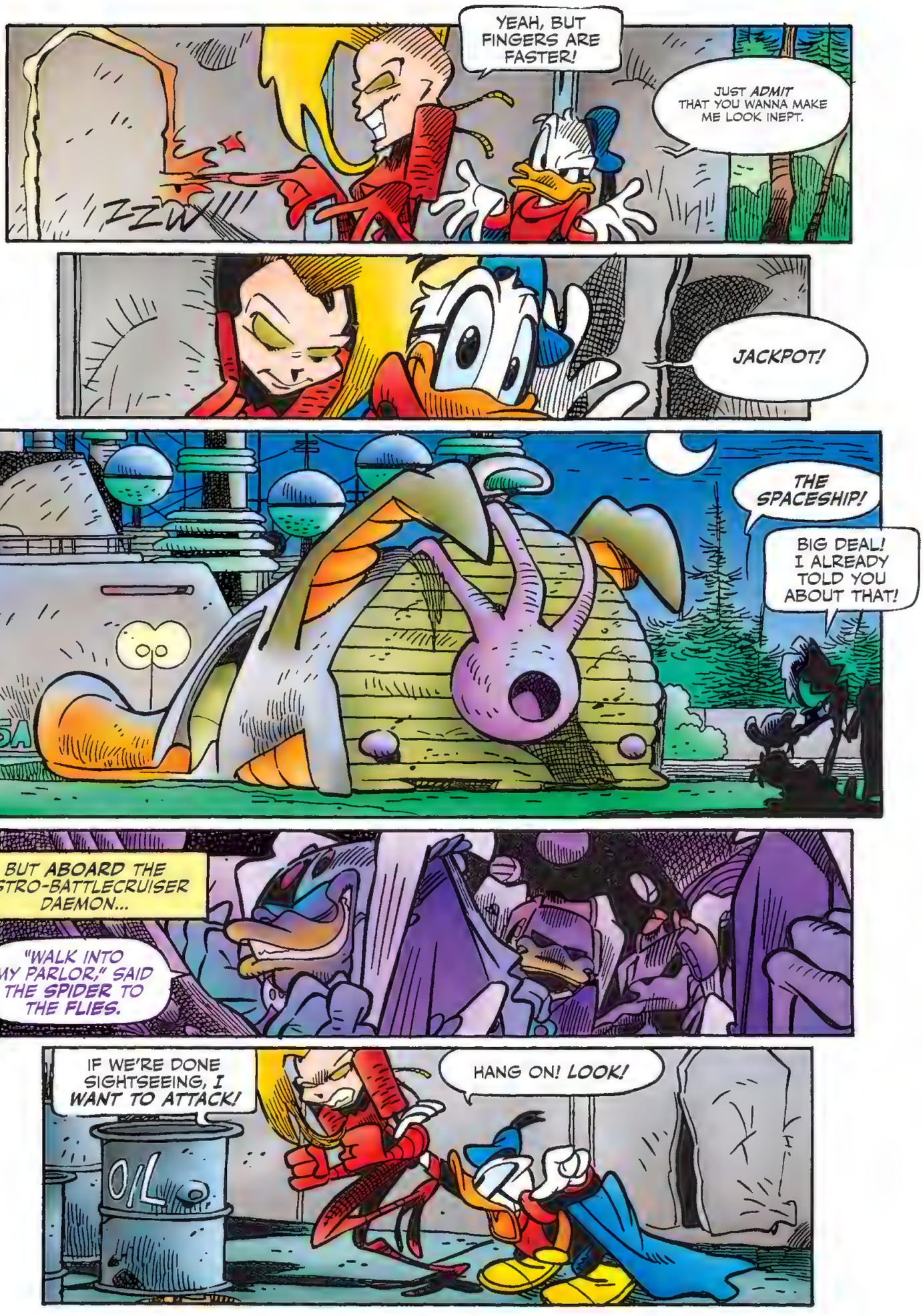

...AND?
AND IT JUST ENTERED THE POWER PLANT WITH THE ODD ENERGY SIGNAL I DETECTED LAST NIGHT!
THUS!
YO! ELECTRICIANS! ANYBODY HOME?!
GO AWAY... PUBLIC ENTRANCE IS PROHIBITED...
I DON'T WANNA ENTER! I WANNA PROTEST!
IT SAYS HERE THAT IF I DON'T PAY THIS BILL, YOU'RE CUTTING MY POWER!
WHICH IS ACTUALLY TRUE...
PLEASE CONTACT... THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES... FOR FURTHER HELP...
SAME OLD SCHTICK! TOSSED FROM ONE DOOR TO ANOTHER!

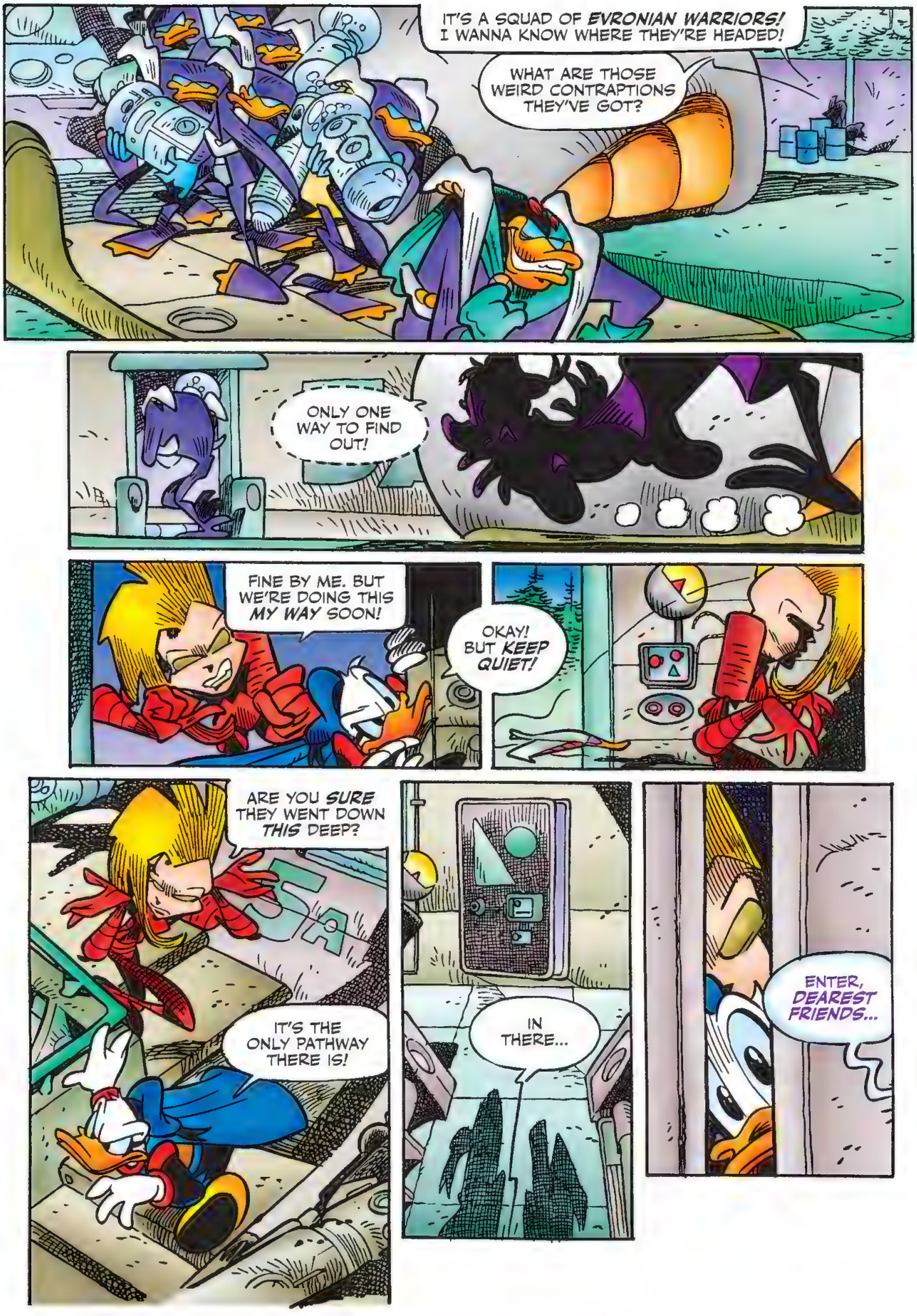

HEAR THAT, ONE? WHAT'S YOUR TAKE?
I THINK IT WAS GOOD THAT YOU CHECKED THINGS OUT!
THAT WORKER HAD THE SAME VOICE PATTERN AS SOMEONE IN A PRE-FREEZEFLAMED STATE!
:GASP!: HE'S AN EVRONIAN MINDSLAVE!
SO THE DUCKBURG POWER PLANT IS EVRON'S ACTING HEADQUARTERS!
I HAVE TO TELL XADHOOM!
BUS STOP
THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT, DONALD!
HEY...
BENNY GYM
...LOOK WHO IT IS!


DUCKLAIR TOWER'S LOWLY MOP JOCKEY! :HAW! HAW!:
ANGUS FANGUS... WHAT AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE. SCRAM!
♥NOTES♥
NO. HAVE YOU MET MY CO-WORKER, VALENTINE? SHE'S CHANNEL OO'S EXPERT ON TEEN CULTURE AND HOT TOPICS!
A PLEASURE!
THIS IS THE SCRUB I TOLD YA ABOUT. HE'S A CRONY O' THAT SCOUNDREL AVENGER—
:GYOOOH!:
OH! WHAT A FANTASTIC LOOK!
HELLO!
YOUR MAKEUP IS AMAZING! WHERE DID YOU GET THAT FOUNDATION?
OH, SWEETIE-HONEY! MY COLOR IS ALL-NATURAL!
HEY, WEIRDO! I BORROWED YOUR SUNGLASSES AND RAINCOAT! HOPE YOU DON'T MIND!
NOT AT ALL! BUT LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!

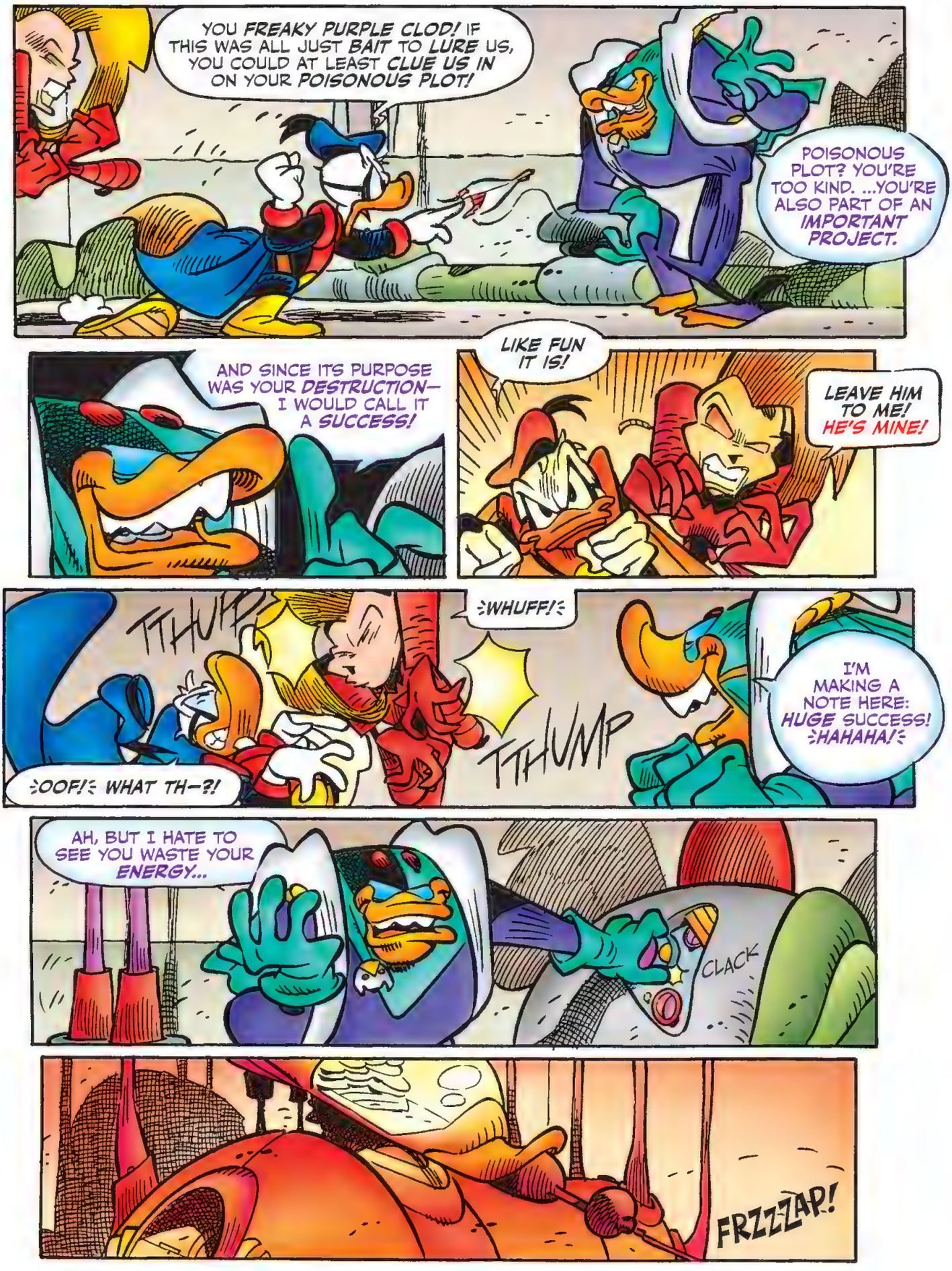

UGH... DOES THAT STUPID DUCK KNOW *EVERY WEIRDO* AN' *NUTJOB* IN TOWN?
WHY DID YOU LEAVE?
I WANTED TO GET MY HANDS ON MORE *BAKING SODA!*
YOU WERE RIGHT! THIS STUFF IS *PHENOMENAL!*
TOLD YOU IT'D WORK! BUT WE'LL DISCUSS THAT LATER! RIGHT NOW I'VE GOT *GREAT NEWS!*
JANITOR
CLICK CLACK
OH, SO?
:PSHT: I ALREADY KNEW *THAT.*
WAIT... YOU *ALREADY KNEW* WHERE THEIR BASE WAS?!
UH, *YEAH.* I ARRIVED ON EARTH HIDDEN IN THE *ENERGY CONVERTERS* OF THEIR *SPACESHIP!*
*AND YOU DIDN'T DESTROY THEM IMMEDIATELY?!*
AVENGER... *BRUTE FORCE* MAY BE MY METHOD, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M *DUMB!*
I HAD TO FIND OUT WHAT THE EVRONIANS' *INTENTIONS* WERE WITH THIS PLANET...

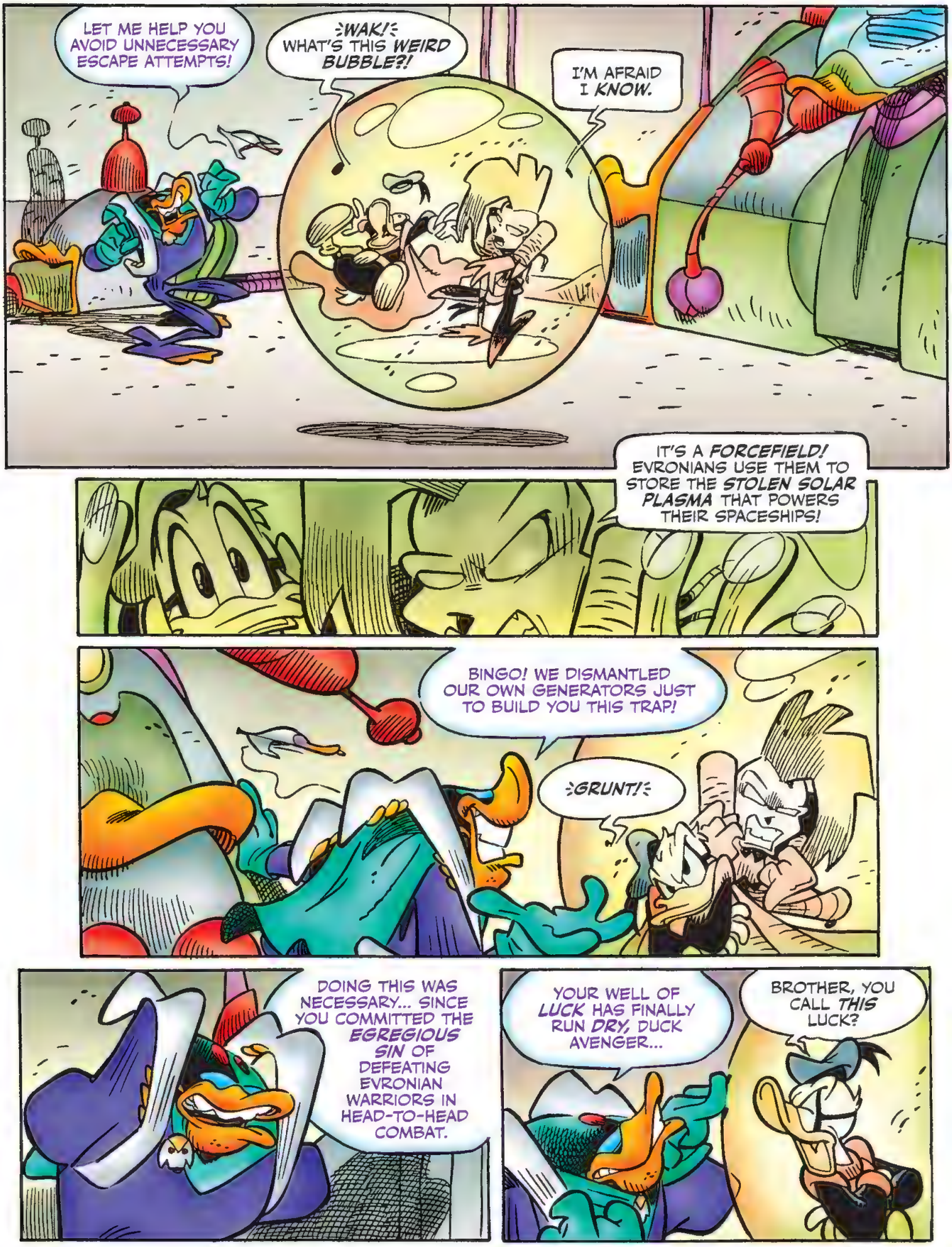

AND NOW I'M *POSITIVE* THAT'S THE *ONLY* PATROL THEY HAVE IN THE AREA. SO...
SO TONIGHT, WE PAY A *LITTLE VISIT* TO THE POWER PLANT!
*NIGHTFALL!*
TRY NOT TO MAKE ANY *NOISE,* SHINY-EYES!
TRY NOT? *WHY* NOT?
*NO ADMITTANCE* BY ORDER OF DUCKBURG POWER
YOU DON'T LIKE MAKING A *"LEVEL EVERYTHING, ASK QUESTIONS LATER"* KIND OF ENTRANCE?
AND RISK THOSE RATS *GETTING AWAY* AGAIN? LUCKY THAT WORKER'S TOO FREEZE-BLITZED TO NOTICE US.
WE'LL ENTER *HERE!* I'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HELP...


YEAH, BUT FINGERS ARE FASTER!
JUST ADMIT THAT YOU WANNA MAKE ME LOOK INEPT.
ZZW!!!
JACKPOT!
THE SPACESHIP!
BIG DEAL! I ALREADY TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT!
5A
BUT ABOARD THE ASTRO-BATTLECRUISER DAEMON...
"WALK INTO MY PARLOR," SAID THE SPIDER TO THE FLIES.
IF WE'RE DONE SIGHTSEEING, I WANT TO ATTACK!
HANG ON! LOOK!
OIL

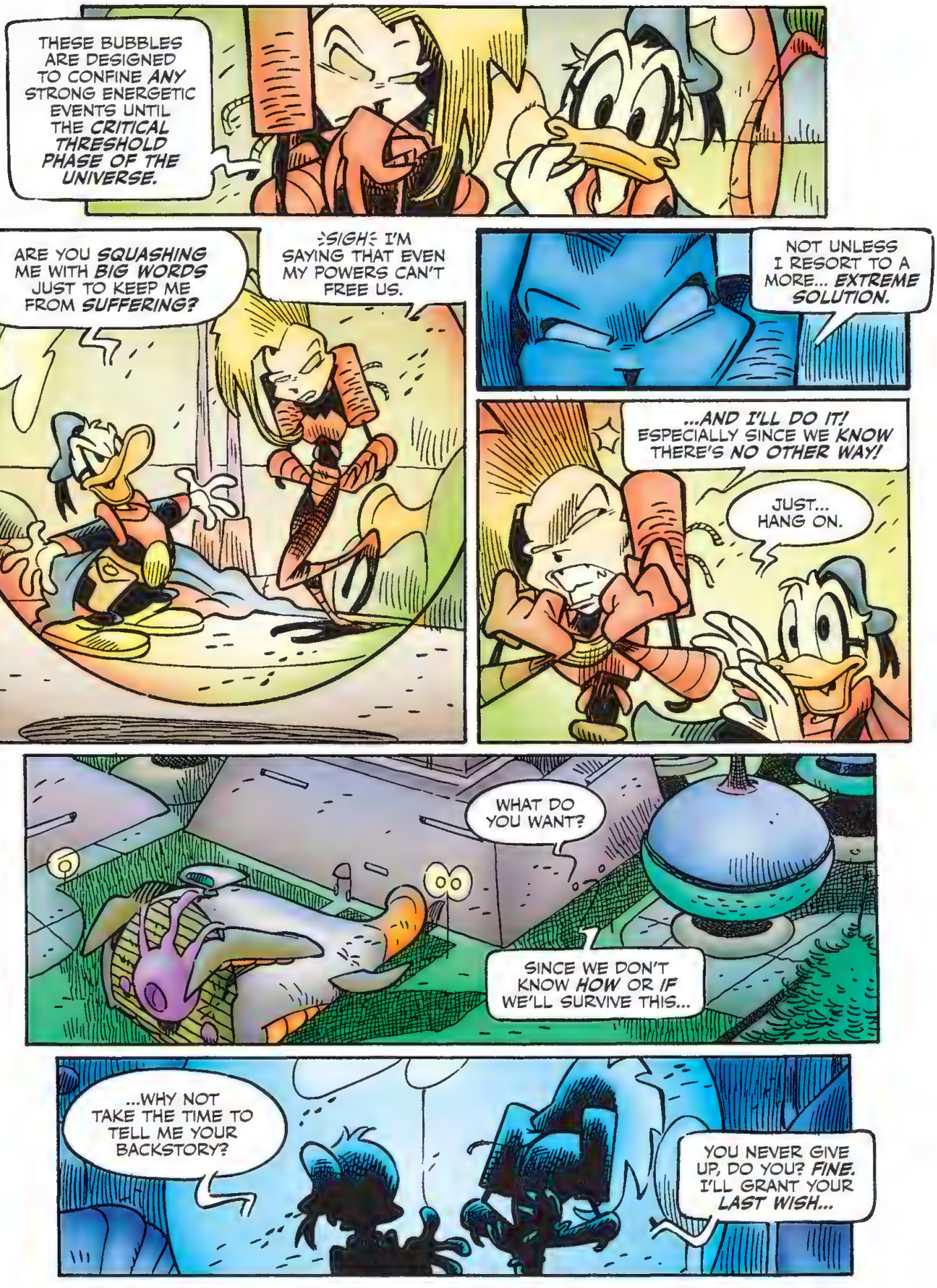

IT'S A SQUAD OF EVRONIAN WARRIORS! I WANNA KNOW WHERE THEY'RE HEADED!
WHAT ARE THOSE WEIRD CONTRAPTIONS THEY'VE GOT?
ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
FINE BY ME. BUT WE'RE DOING THIS MY WAY SOON!
OKAY! BUT KEEP QUIET!
ARE YOU SURE THEY WENT DOWN THIS DEEP?
IT'S THE ONLY PATHWAY THERE IS!
IN THERE...
ENTER, DEAREST FRIENDS...

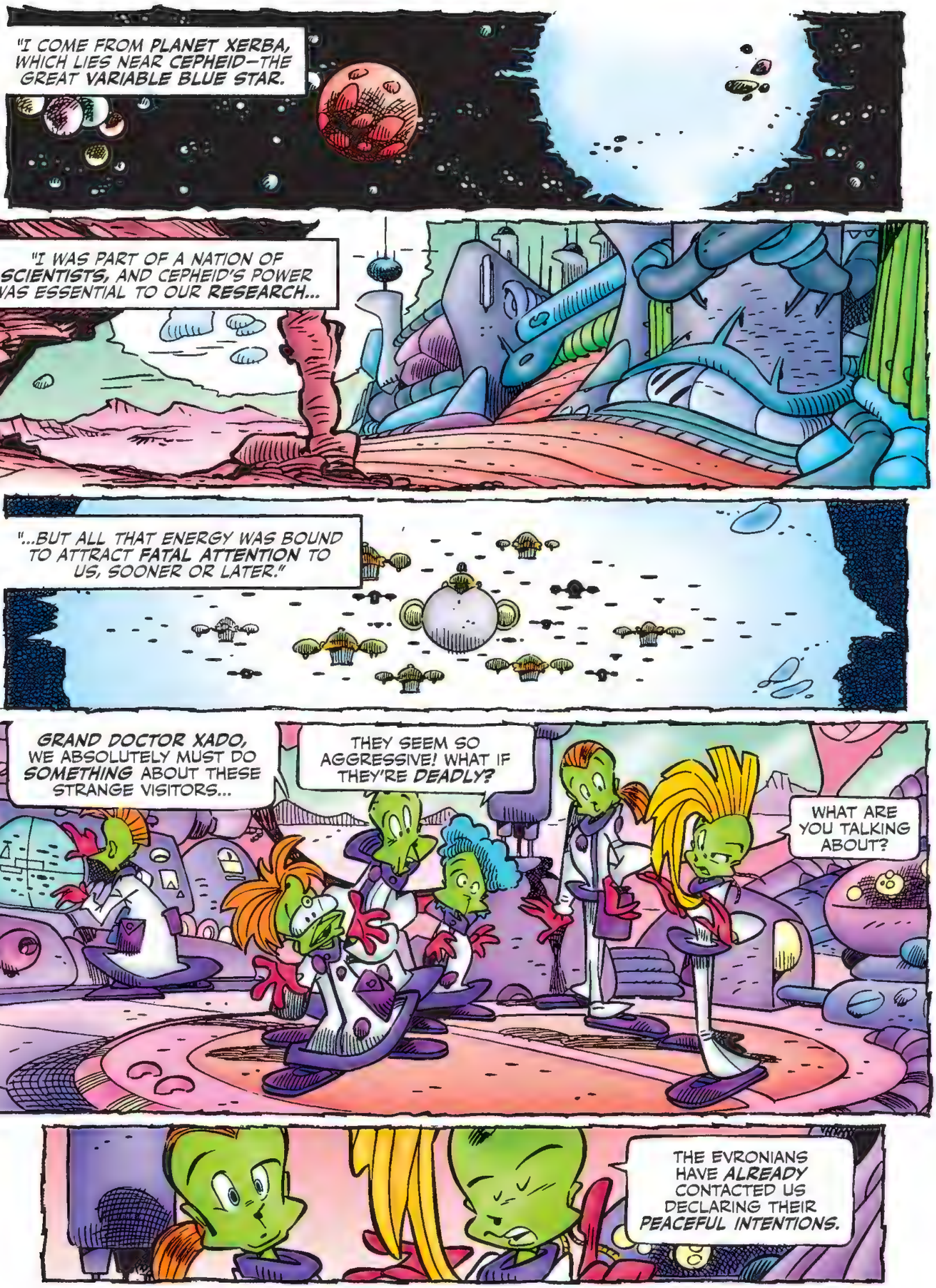
WHERE DID ALL THE WARRIORS GO?
YOU MEAN THE FAKE 3-D PROJECTED WARRIORS I USED TO LURE YOU TO ME?
DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D BE STUPID ENOUGH NOT TO NOTICE YOU?
MY ALL-SEEING EVRON-EYE TAILED YOU FROM THE MINUTE YOU STEPPED INTO MY PERIMETER!
DON'T LET IT TOUCH YOU, XADHOOM!

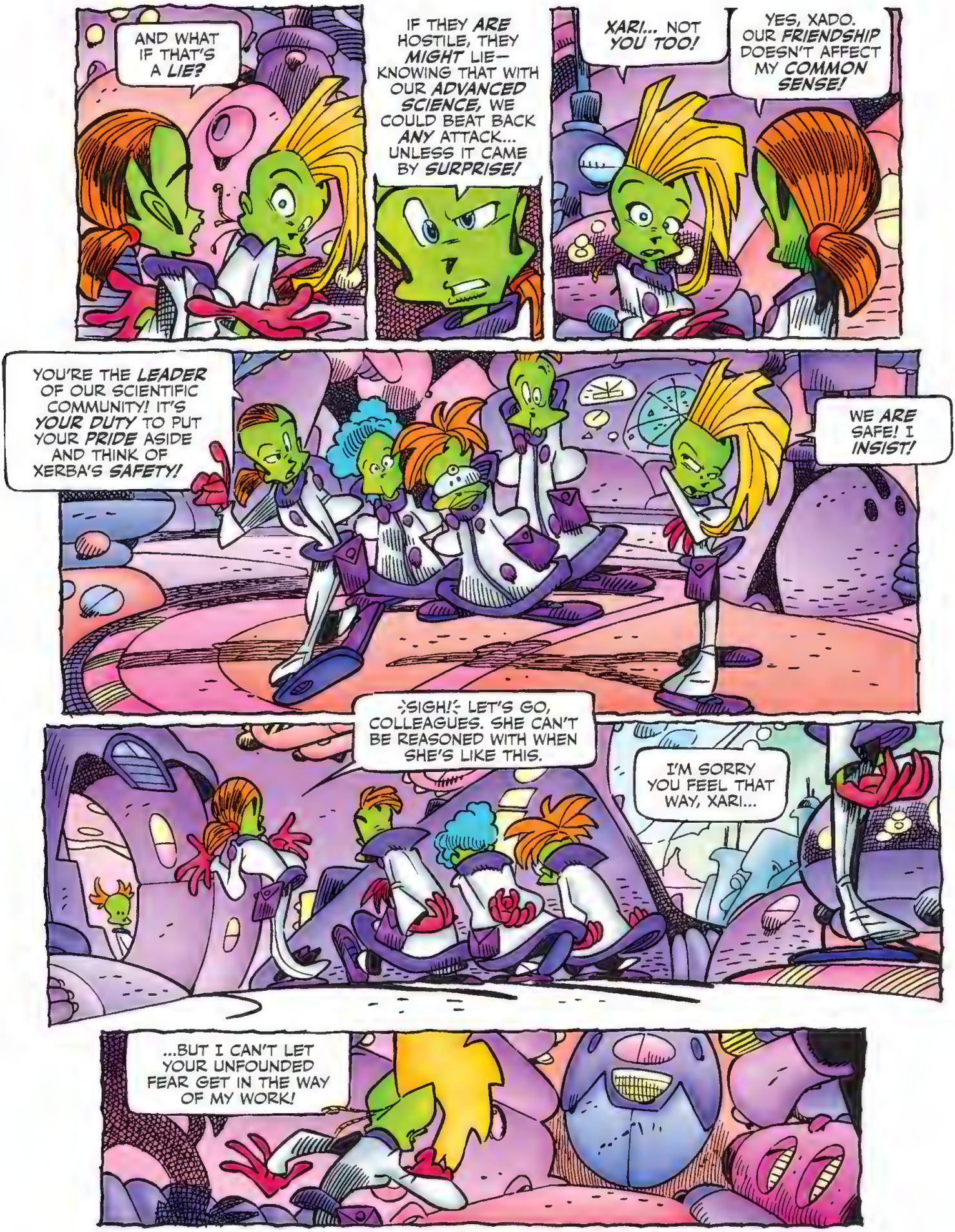

YOU FREAKY PURPLE CLOD! IF THIS WAS ALL JUST BAIT TO LURE US, YOU COULD AT LEAST CLUE US IN ON YOUR POISONOUS PLOT!
POISONOUS PLOT? YOU'RE TOO KIND. ...YOU'RE ALSO PART OF AN IMPORTANT PROJECT.
AND SINCE ITS PURPOSE WAS YOUR DESTRUCTION— I WOULD CALL IT A SUCCESS!
LIKE FUN IT IS!
LEAVE HIM TO ME! HE'S MINE!
TTHUFF
:WHUFF!:
TTHUMP
:OOF!: WHAT TH—?!
I'M MAKING A NOTE HERE: HUGE SUCCESS! :HAHAHA!:
AH, BUT I HATE TO SEE YOU WASTE YOUR ENERGY...
CLACK
FRZZZAP!

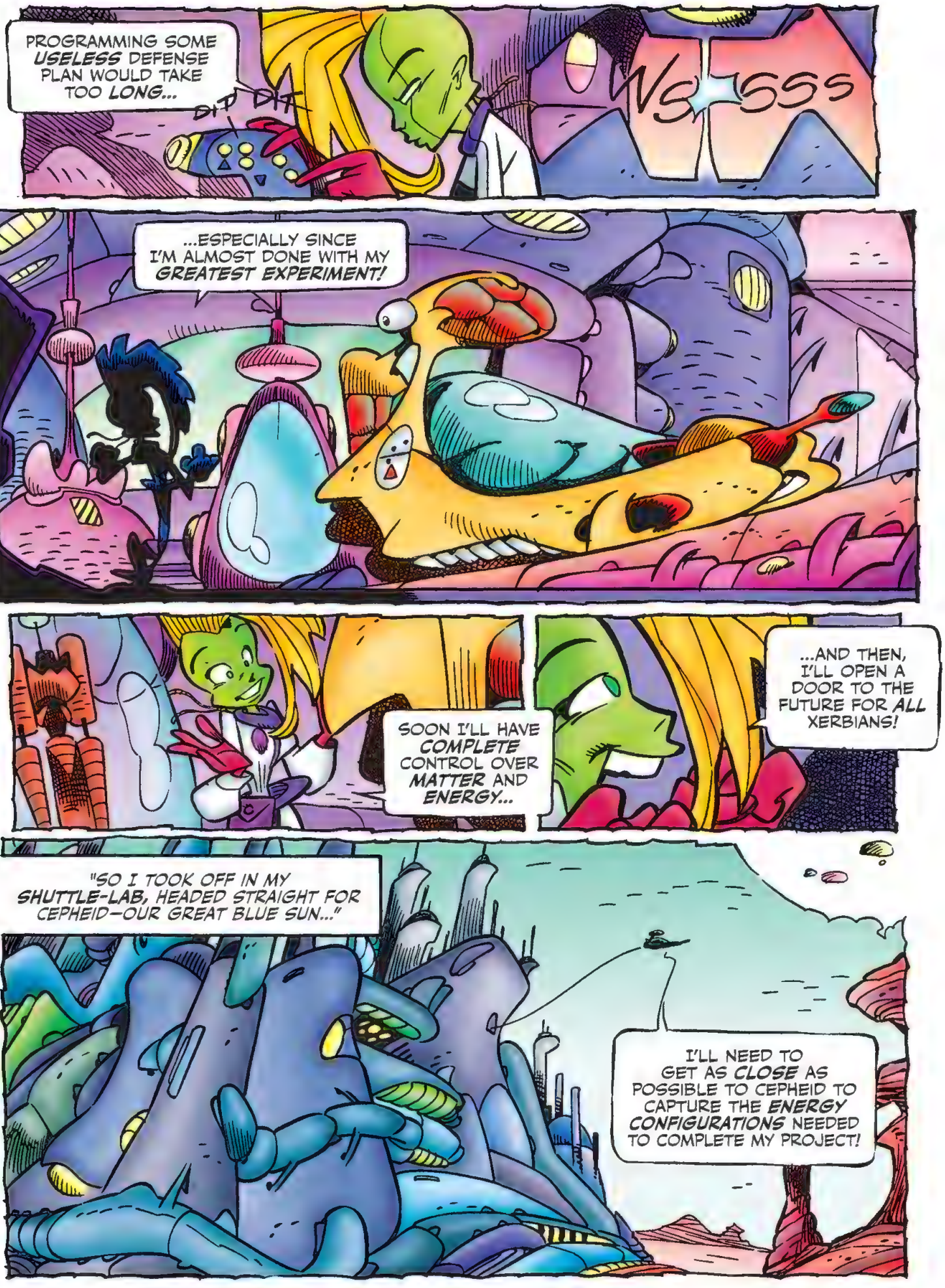

LET ME HELP YOU AVOID UNNECESSARY ESCAPE ATTEMPTS!
:WAK!: WHAT'S THIS WEIRD BUBBLE?!
I'M AFRAID I KNOW.
IT'S A FORCEFIELD! EVRONIANS USE THEM TO STORE THE STOLEN SOLAR PLASMA THAT POWERS THEIR SPACESHIPS!
BINGO! WE DISMANTLED OUR OWN GENERATORS JUST TO BUILD YOU THIS TRAP!
:GRUNT!:
DOING THIS WAS NECESSARY... SINCE YOU COMMITTED THE EGREGIOUS SIN OF DEFEATING EVRONIAN WARRIORS IN HEAD-TO-HEAD COMBAT.
YOUR WELL OF LUCK HAS FINALLY RUN DRY, DUCK AVENGER...
BROTHER, YOU CALL THIS LUCK?

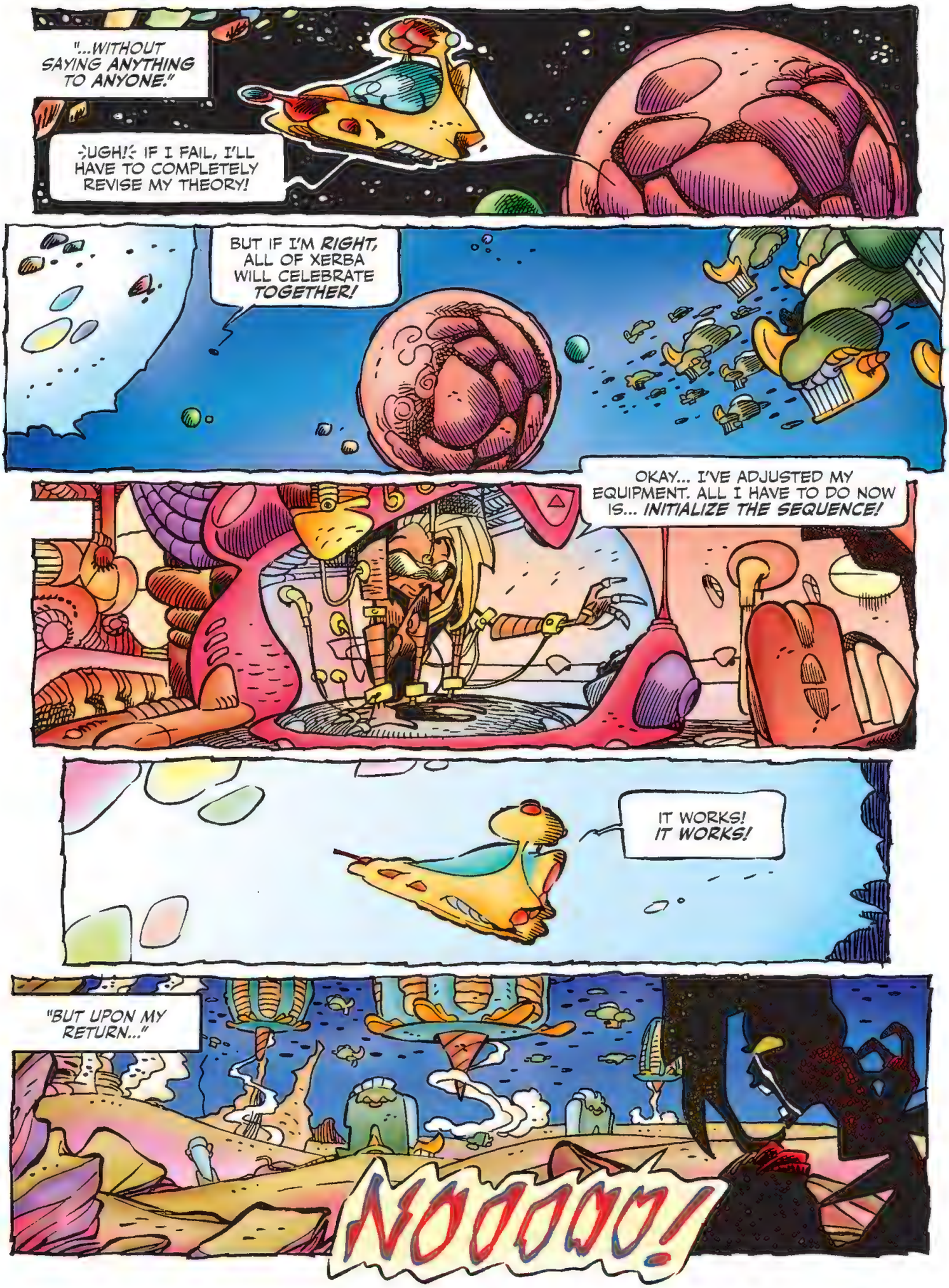
AND YOUR INEXPLICABLE POWERS WON'T HELP!
FACE FACTS: YOU'RE BOTH UTTERLY HELPLESS. OUR FORCEFIELD BUBBLES RETAIN THE ENERGY OF AN ENTIRE STARSHIP!
OH, SMART! SO THOUGH WE'RE STUCK IN HERE, WE'RE SAFE AND YOU CAN'T GET AT US, FLATHEAD!
BIG DEAL. I'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL YOUR BIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONALITY IS NIL.
UNTIL OUR WHAT IS WHAT-NOW?
HE'S LEAVING US HERE LONG-TERM... AND WHATEVER HAPPENS, HAPPENS!
I'D TELL YOU TO "BE WELL"... BUT WE ALL KNOW THAT'S NOT VERY LIKELY, DON'T WE?
:YAAA-HAHA!!!:
CLANG
THIS STINKS! HOW DO WE GET OUT?!
WE DON'T.

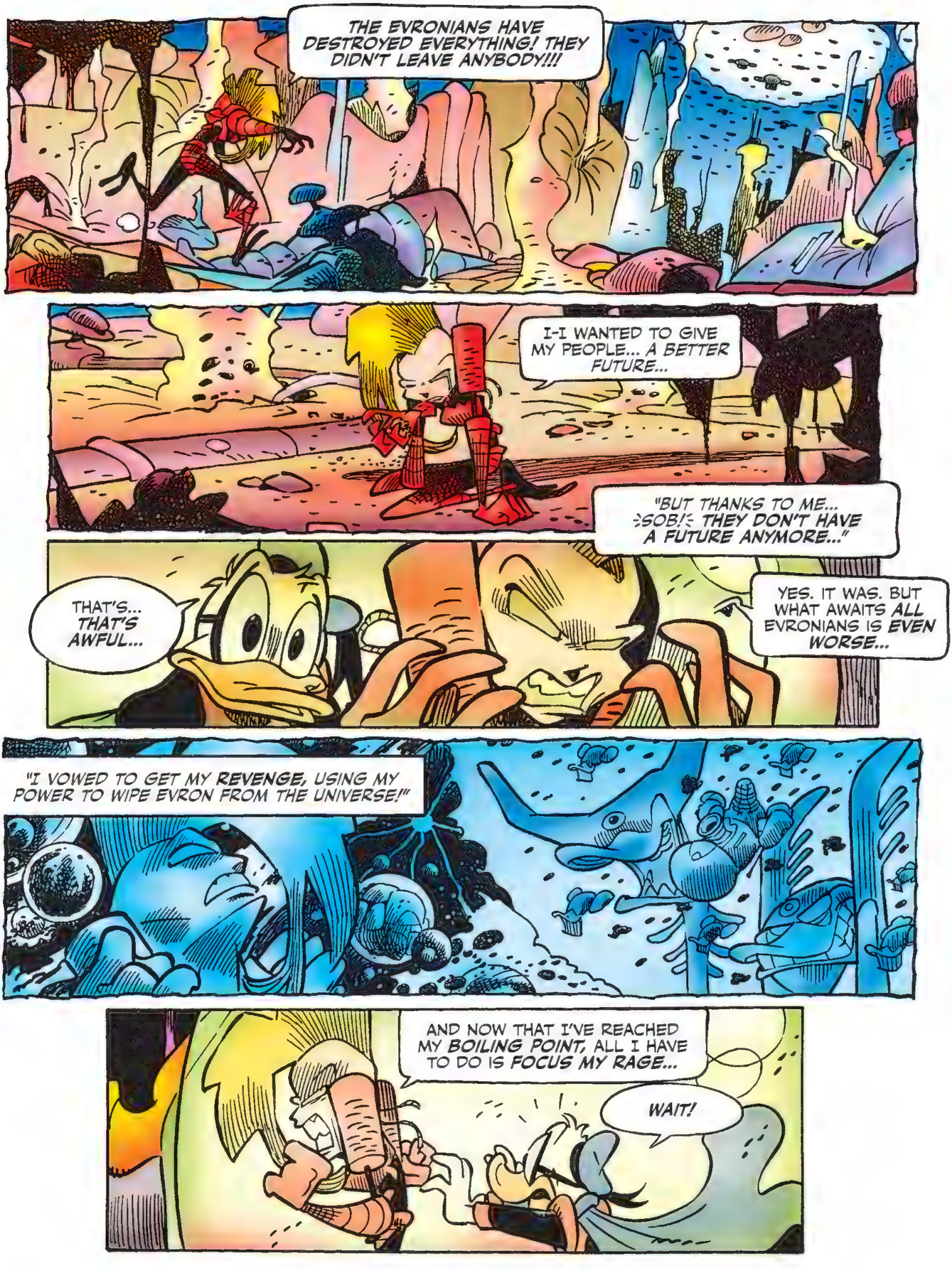

THESE BUBBLES ARE DESIGNED TO CONFINE ANY STRONG ENERGETIC EVENTS UNTIL THE CRITICAL THRESHOLD PHASE OF THE UNIVERSE.
ARE YOU SQUASHING ME WITH BIG WORDS JUST TO KEEP ME FROM SUFFERING?
:SIGH: I'M SAYING THAT EVEN MY POWERS CAN'T FREE US.
NOT UNLESS I RESORT TO A MORE... EXTREME SOLUTION.
...AND I'LL DO IT! ESPECIALLY SINCE WE KNOW THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!
JUST... HANG ON.
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
SINCE WE DON'T KNOW HOW OR IF WE'LL SURVIVE THIS...
...WHY NOT TAKE THE TIME TO TELL ME YOUR BACKSTORY?
YOU NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU? FINE. I'LL GRANT YOUR LAST WISH...


"I COME FROM PLANET XERBA, WHICH LIES NEAR CEPHEID—THE GREAT VARIABLE BLUE STAR.
"I WAS PART OF A NATION OF SCIENTISTS, AND CEPHEID'S POWER WAS ESSENTIAL TO OUR RESEARCH...
"...BUT ALL THAT ENERGY WAS BOUND TO ATTRACT FATAL ATTENTION TO US, SOONER OR LATER."
GRAND DOCTOR XADO, WE ABSOLUTELY MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE STRANGE VISITORS...
THEY SEEM SO AGGRESSIVE! WHAT IF THEY'RE DEADLY?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THE EVRONIANS HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED US DECLARING THEIR PEACEFUL INTENTIONS.

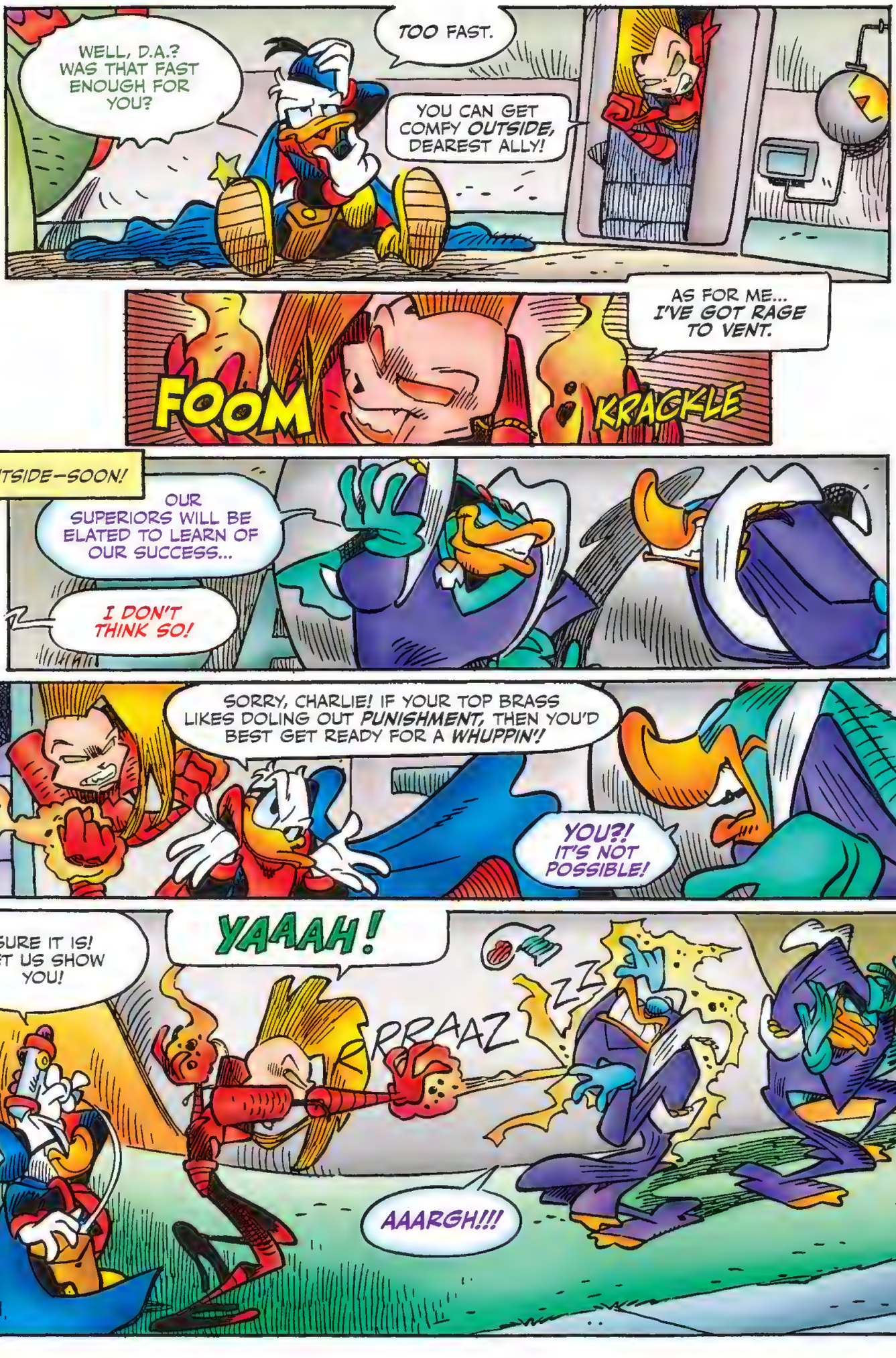

AND WHAT IF THAT'S A LIE?
IF THEY ARE HOSTILE, THEY MIGHT LIE— KNOWING THAT WITH OUR ADVANCED SCIENCE, WE COULD BEAT BACK ANY ATTACK... UNLESS IT CAME BY SURPRISE!
XARI... NOT YOU TOO!
YES, XADO. OUR FRIENDSHIP DOESN'T AFFECT MY COMMON SENSE!
YOU'RE THE LEADER OF OUR SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY! IT'S YOUR DUTY TO PUT YOUR PRIDE ASIDE AND THINK OF XERBA'S SAFETY!
WE ARE SAFE! I INSIST!
:SIGH!: LET'S GO, COLLEAGUES. SHE CAN'T BE REASONED WITH WHEN SHE'S LIKE THIS.
I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, XARI...
...BUT I CAN'T LET YOUR UNFOUNDED FEAR GET IN THE WAY OF MY WORK!

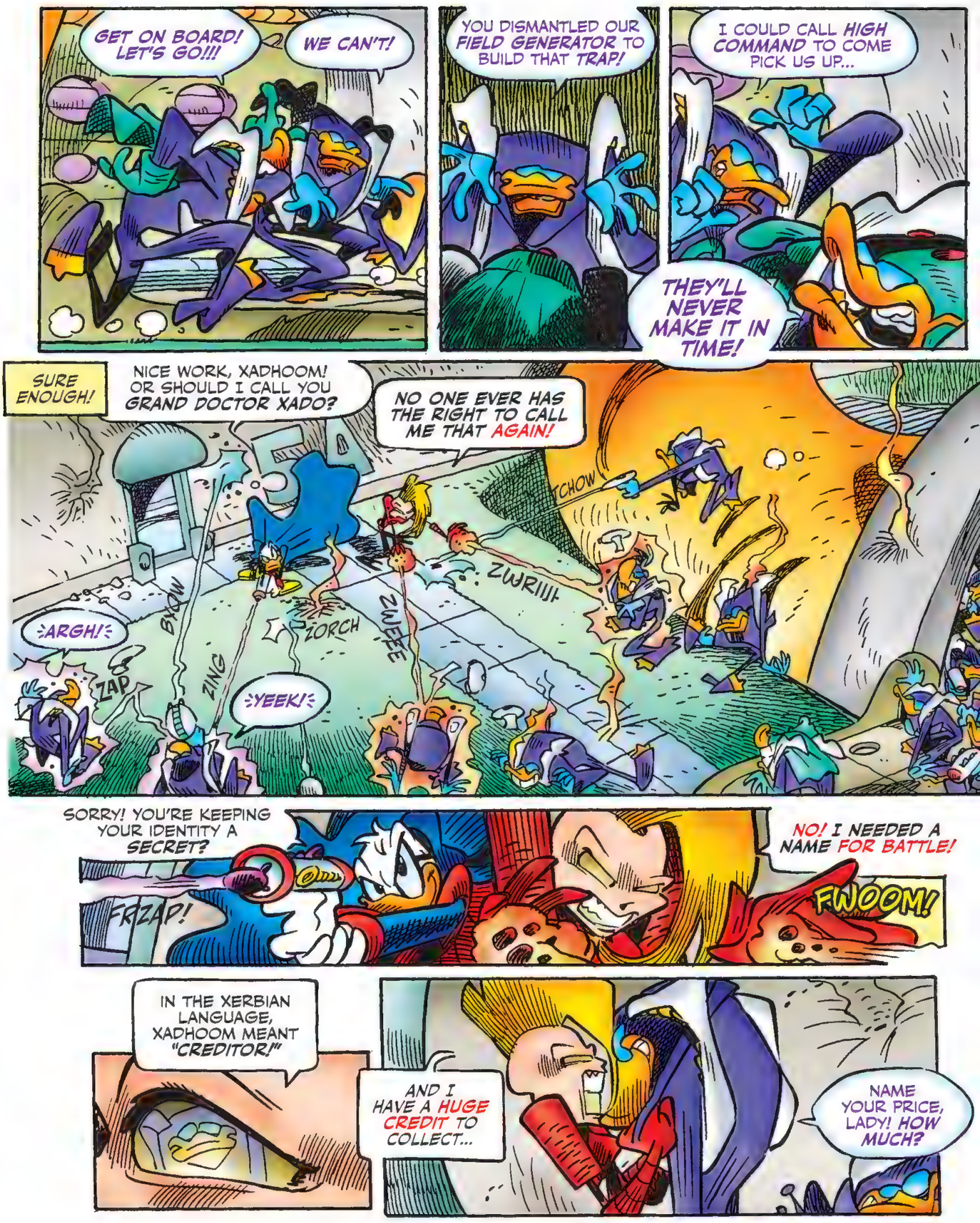

PROGRAMMING SOME USELESS DEFENSE PLAN WOULD TAKE TOO LONG...
DIT DIT
WSSSS
...ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M ALMOST DONE WITH MY GREATEST EXPERIMENT!
SOON I'LL HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER MATTER AND ENERGY...
...AND THEN, I'LL OPEN A DOOR TO THE FUTURE FOR ALL XERBIANS!
"SO I TOOK OFF IN MY SHUTTLE-LAB, HEADED STRAIGHT FOR CEPHEID—OUR GREAT BLUE SUN..."
I'LL NEED TO GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO CEPHEID TO CAPTURE THE ENERGY CONFIGURATIONS NEEDED TO COMPLETE MY PROJECT!


"...WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO ANYONE."
UGH! IF I FAIL, I'LL HAVE TO COMPLETELY REVISE MY THEORY!
BUT IF I'M RIGHT, ALL OF XERBA WILL CELEBRATE TOGETHER!
OKAY... I'VE ADJUSTED MY EQUIPMENT. ALL I HAVE TO DO NOW IS... INITIALIZE THE SEQUENCE!
IT WORKS! IT WORKS!
"BUT UPON MY RETURN..."
NOOOOO!


THE EVRONIANS HAVE DESTROYED EVERYTHING! THEY DIDN'T LEAVE ANYBODY!!!
I-I WANTED TO GIVE MY PEOPLE... A BETTER FUTURE...
"BUT THANKS TO ME... :SOB!: THEY DON'T HAVE A FUTURE ANYMORE..."
THAT'S... THAT'S AWFUL...
YES. IT WAS. BUT WHAT AWAITS ALL EVRONIANS IS EVEN WORSE...
"I VOWED TO GET MY REVENGE, USING MY POWER TO WIPE EVRON FROM THE UNIVERSE!"
AND NOW THAT I'VE REACHED MY BOILING POINT, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FOCUS MY RAGE...
WAIT!

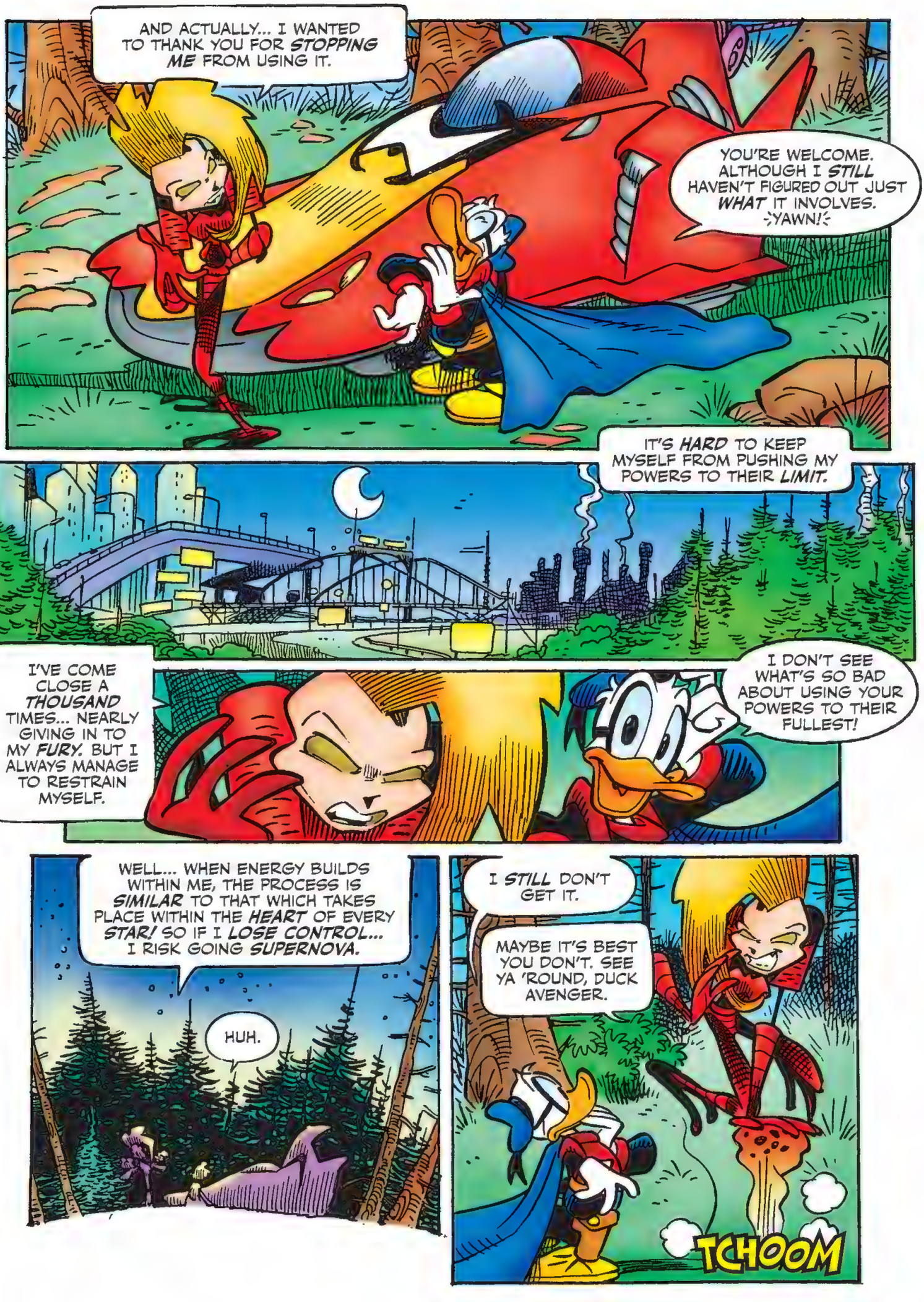
AGAIN? LOOK, I WILL—
I KNOW! I GET IT! BUT I THINK THERE'S AN EASIER WAY!
THE DEVICE GENERATING THIS FORCEFIELD BUBBLE IS FED BY SNATCHING ENERGY FROM DUCKBURG'S POWER GRID!
YEAH. THE EVRONIANS NEVER USE THEIR OWN ENERGY WHEN THEY KNOW THEY CAN STEAL IT FROM OTHERS. SO WHAT?
YOU'LL SEE. READY, ONE?
YOU WISH TO KNOW IF I CAN BLACKOUT ALL ELECTRICITY IN THE AREA WHERE YOU ARE?
BINGO, BUDDY!
NOTHING COULD BE SIMPLER! I JUST NEED TO CONNECT TO THE DUCKBURG POWER ENERGY GRID COMPUTERS, AND...
POP
WAK!
BUMP

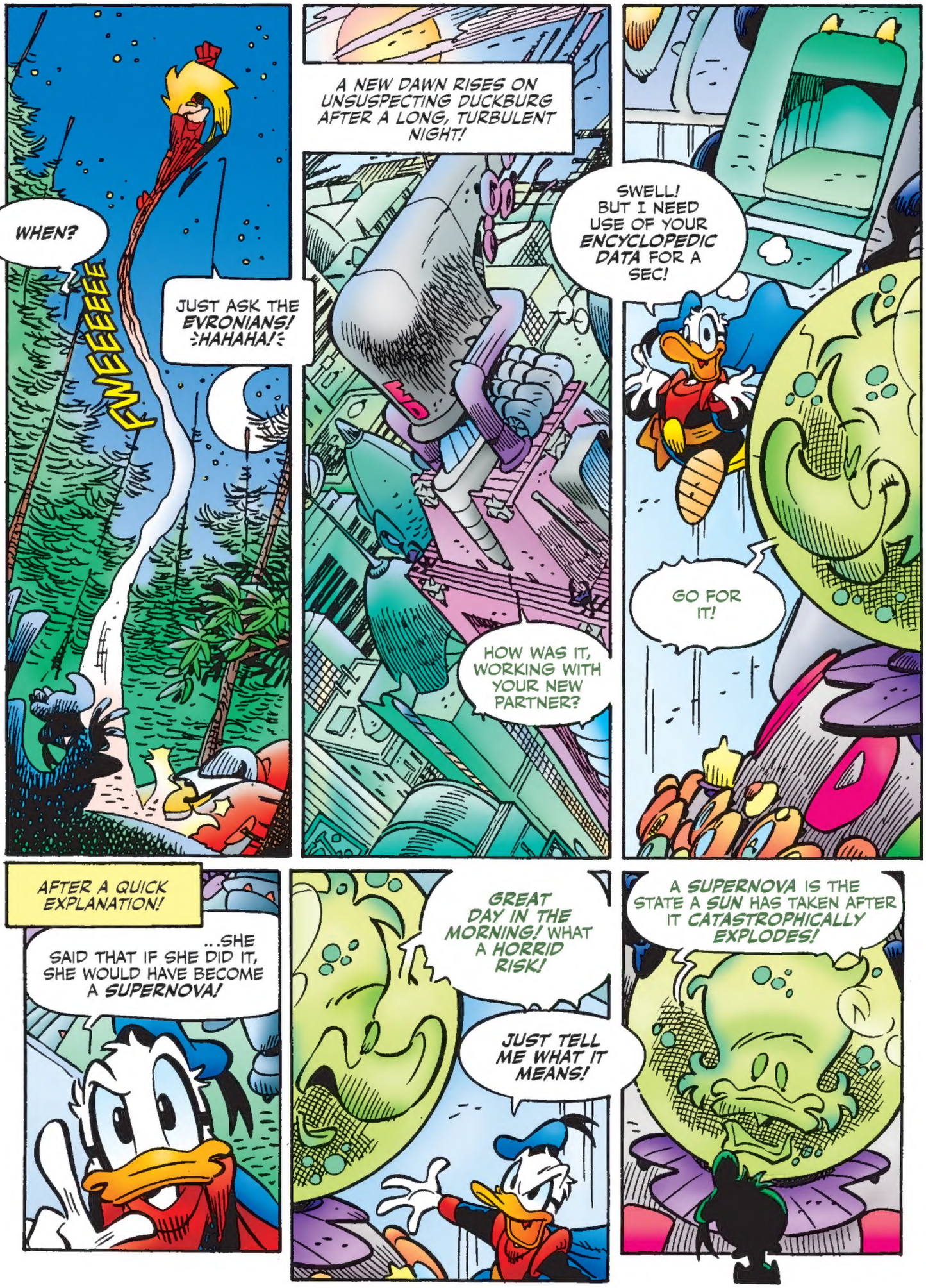

WELL, D.A.? WAS THAT FAST ENOUGH FOR YOU?
TOO FAST.
YOU CAN GET COMFY OUTSIDE, DEAREST ALLY!
AS FOR ME... I'VE GOT RAGE TO VENT.
FOOM
KRACKLE
OUTSIDE—SOON!
OUR SUPERIORS WILL BE ELATED TO LEARN OF OUR SUCCESS...
I DON'T THINK SO!
SORRY, CHARLIE! IF YOUR TOP BRASS LIKES DOLING OUT PUNISHMENT, THEN YOU'D BEST GET READY FOR A WHUPPIN'!
YOU?! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
SURE IT IS! LET US SHOW YOU!
YAAAH!
RRAAZ
ZZ
AAARGH!!!

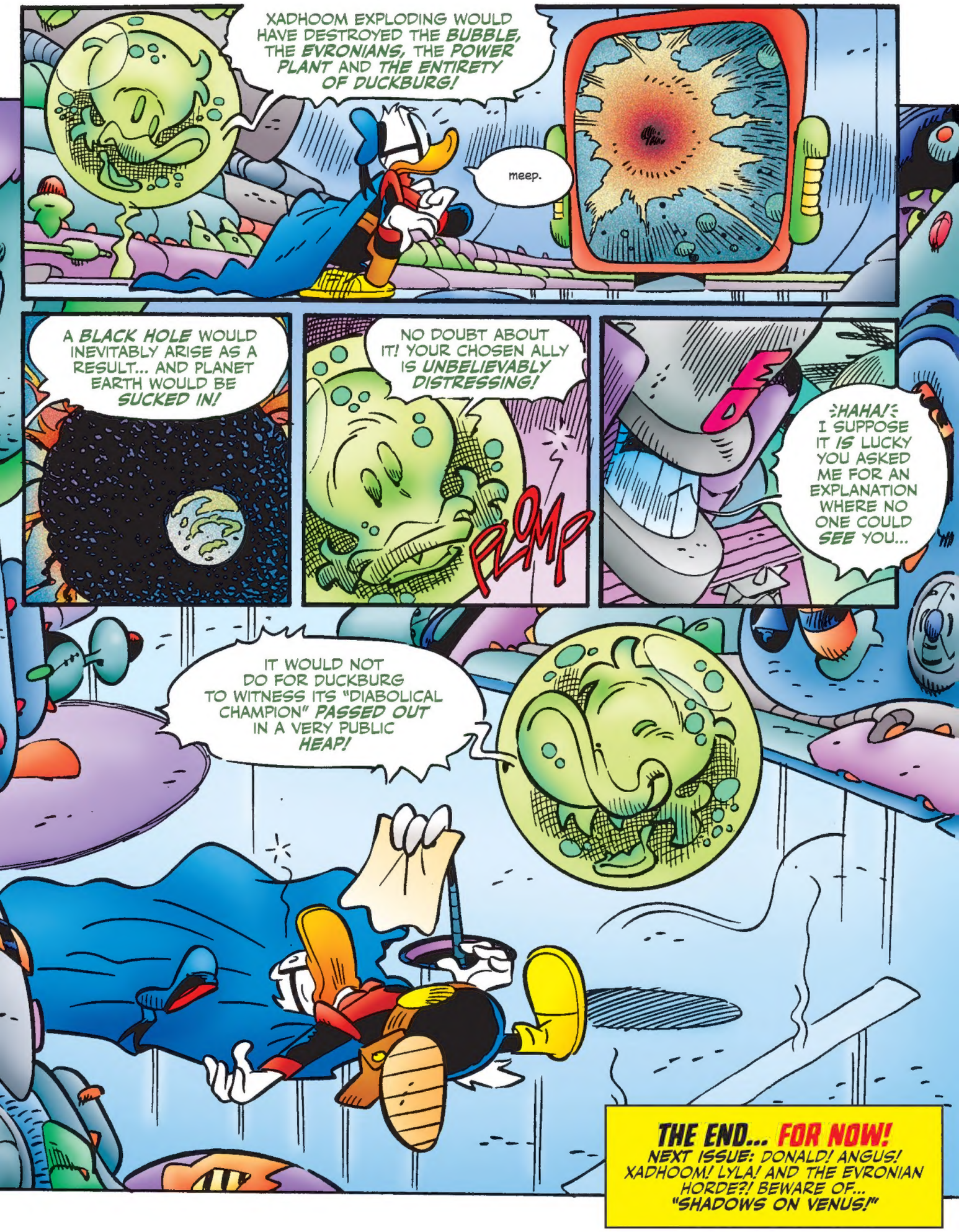

GET ON BOARD! LET'S GO!!!
WE CAN'T!
YOU DISMANTLED OUR FIELD GENERATOR TO BUILD THAT TRAP!
I COULD CALL HIGH COMMAND TO COME PICK US UP...
THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT IN TIME!
SURE ENOUGH!
NICE WORK, XADHOOM! OR SHOULD I CALL YOU GRAND DOCTOR XADO?
NO ONE EVER HAS THE RIGHT TO CALL ME THAT AGAIN!
TCHOW
ZWRIIIJ
ZORCH
ZWEEE
BKOW
ZING
ZAP
:ARGH!:
:YEEK!:
SORRY! YOU'RE KEEPING YOUR IDENTITY A SECRET?
FRZAP!
NO! I NEEDED A NAME FOR BATTLE!
FWOOM!
IN THE XERBIAN LANGUAGE, XADHOOM MEANT "CREDITOR!"
AND I HAVE A HUGE CREDIT TO COLLECT...
NAME YOUR PRICE, LADY! HOW MUCH?

YOU OWE ME MY WORLD! AND YOU'LL PAY WITH EVERY LAST DROP OF YOUR PRECIOUS ENERGY!
WOW
ARGH!
AAIEE!
ZAM
ZWEEE
BLAM
ZORCH
AAGH!
NOW I GET IT...
GET WHAT? WHAT'S WRONG NOW?
NOTHING. YOUR NAME... IT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING.
YOU SEE, I'VE ALWAYS HAD TROUBLE WITH CREDITORS! HAHAHA!
NOT AS MUCH TROUBLE AS EVRON WILL HAVE! YAAAAH!!!
AND WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS...
DUKE... WHAT HAPPENED?
?
I DUNNO... I FEEL LIKE I JUST WOKE UP FROM A DREAM.
ME TOO. LIKE I WAS KNOCKED OUT. MAYBE THAT'S WHY WE DIDN'T HEAR THE CRASH...

THAT THING MUSTA MADE QUITE THE RACKET WHEN IT HIT THE GROUND!
YEAH. WHAT DO YOU S'POSE IT IS?
ELSEWHERE! THE EVRONIANS HAVE DEPARTED... MUCH THE WORSE FOR WEAR...
MAN, AVENGER... THAT WAS A BLAST!
IF THAT'S YOUR IDEA OF FUN, REMIND ME NEVER TO ASK YOU OUT ON A DATE! HAHAHA!
SO... WHERE TO NOW?
I GUESS I'LL SCOUR YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM.
I NEED TO FIND THE EVRONIANS' OUTPOST.
IF YOU FIND IT... WILL YOU USE THAT "EXTREME SOLUTION?"
...NO.


AND ACTUALLY... I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR *STOPPING ME* FROM USING IT.
YOU'RE WELCOME. ALTHOUGH I *STILL* HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT JUST *WHAT* IT INVOLVES. :YAWN!:
IT'S *HARD* TO KEEP MYSELF FROM PUSHING MY POWERS TO THEIR *LIMIT.*
I'VE COME CLOSE A *THOUSAND* TIMES... NEARLY GIVING IN TO MY *FURY.* BUT I ALWAYS MANAGE TO RESTRAIN MYSELF.
I DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO BAD ABOUT USING YOUR POWERS TO THEIR FULLEST!
WELL... WHEN ENERGY BUILDS WITHIN ME, THE PROCESS IS *SIMILAR* TO THAT WHICH TAKES PLACE WITHIN THE *HEART* OF EVERY *STAR!* SO IF I *LOSE CONTROL...* I RISK GOING *SUPERNOVA.*
HUH.
I *STILL* DON'T GET IT.
MAYBE IT'S BEST YOU DON'T. SEE YA 'ROUND, DUCK AVENGER.
TCHOOM


WHEN?
JUST ASK THE EVRONIANS! :HAHAHA!:
FWEEEEEEE
A NEW DAWN RISES ON UNSUSPECTING DUCKBURG AFTER A LONG, TURBULENT NIGHT!
CRK
HOW WAS IT, WORKING WITH YOUR NEW PARTNER?
SWELL! BUT I NEED USE OF YOUR ENCYCLOPEDIC DATA FOR A SEC!
GO FOR IT!
AFTER A QUICK EXPLANATION!
...SHE SAID THAT IF SHE DID IT, SHE WOULD HAVE BECOME A SUPERNOVA!
GREAT DAY IN THE MORNING! WHAT A HORRID RISK!
JUST TELL ME WHAT IT MEANS!
A SUPERNOVA IS THE STATE A SUN HAS TAKEN AFTER IT CATASTROPHICALLY EXPLODES!


XADHOOM EXPLODING WOULD HAVE DESTROYED THE BUBBLE, THE EVRONIANS, THE POWER PLANT AND THE ENTIRETY OF DUCKBURG!
meep.
A BLACK HOLE WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE AS A RESULT... AND PLANET EARTH WOULD BE SUCKED IN!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! YOUR CHOSEN ALLY IS UNBELIEVABLY DISTRESSING!
PLOMP
:HAHA!: I SUPPOSE IT IS LUCKY YOU ASKED ME FOR AN EXPLANATION WHERE NO ONE COULD SEE YOU...
IT WOULD NOT DO FOR DUCKBURG TO WITNESS ITS "DIABOLICAL CHAMPION" PASSED OUT IN A VERY PUBLIC HEAP!
THE END... FOR NOW!
NEXT ISSUE: DONALD! ANGUS! XADHOOM! LYLA! AND THE EVRONIAN HORDE?! BEWARE OF... "SHADOWS ON VENUS!"

# CROSSTALK

## An Irregular Duckburg/Mouseton Update

Merry Christmas, good Chanukah—happy holidays, one and all! **It's that time of year again,** when special celebrations bring our whole families together: the pickpockets, the loudmouths, the most-wanted crooks....

Great squeak! It doesn't sound like we're talking about any normal family here—and we're not!

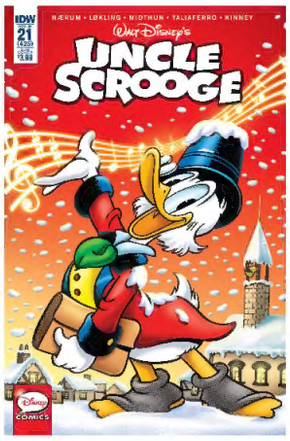
For this December we're rounding **Pegleg Pete's family up...** and several more frantic families who define dysfunction down! Want to share a ho-ho-horrible holiday dinner? No? Too bad—it's here!

And the action starts in Romano Scarpa's "The Weregoof's Curse," hitting comic shop shelves in *Mickey Mouse* #15! Mickey is already minding **Ellsworth's bratty son Ellroy** when another rotten relative makes the scene: **Pete's diabolical inventor cousin Portis!** He's smart, he's sly, he's sinister and sarcastic... and he's got a sneaky scheme to transform cats into crazier critters—and Goofy into a werewolf! Teaming up with him in this no-good plan is Pete himself, of course... *and* Pete's gruesome gal-pal Trudy Van Tubb, because while two's company, three's a mob—and Pete's going to need one!

We think you'll love to hate Portis just as much as Pete and Trudy do... and vice versa! Because the family that stinks together sinks together...

Hey! Portis is **also sinking into *Donald Quest* #2!** As our super steampunk miniseries continues this month, "The Shark's Maw" features our felon family member as top lieutenant to Meteormaster Blot! Yes—it's Portis who commands the **Shark Meteorbeast** that's blocking Ironburgh's port. And Donald Duck—en route to Gyro on a mission of mercy—must rout this big fish before his quest goes on! Does doubting Don have what it takes? (Does he ever?)

And does **Scrooge McDuck** have what it takes? Well, *that's* another question entirely. In *Uncle Scrooge* #21, "The Substitute Santa of Strathbungo" returns us to Scrooge's Scottish youth, where young McDuck faced a **different kind** of family holiday. Not his own... but that of the orphan "family" at Strathbungo House Orphanage—where loutish landlord MacMiser makes poor kids work long hours in a stinky sweatshop. Valiant orphanage boss Mr. Jolly puts up a brave fight against the bad guy... or does he? In this thrilling tale by Scandinavian rising stars Knut Nærum, Tormod Løkling and Arild Midthun, Scrooge may have to save Christmas for this foster family—himself!




It's all in the family, too, for Donald's **Avenger alter ego.** In *Duck Avenger* #2, a far more ferocious family is at hand... the savage **Evronian** clan of outer space, back to decimate Duckburg after an earlier defeat! But as befits these egotistical aliens, their feud with *another* family may undo them. **Xadhoom,** bold survivor of an earlier Evron attack on planet Xerba, is out to avenge the destruction—and Donald can only watch a big battle grow bigger!

Speaking of "bigger"**... are we finishing December with a 64-page *Mickey and Donald Christmas Parade*** once again? You bet we are! And for issue #2, the Mickey and Donald families team up—under fan favorite writer **Byron Erickson** and artist **Massimo Fecchi**—for "'Tis No Season," an epic-length time-travel Christmas tale pitting Mice, Ducks, and Gyro against the menace of the **Phantom Blot!** Why do citizens of Mouseton and Duckburg suddenly think Santa is a super-criminal? How is the Blot involved... and how can he be stopped?

You might not like to share dinner with our frenetic Disney families this year... but keep your eye on them! They're serving up a yummy Yuletide in **five tasty courses, either way.**

—David Gerstein,
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